



# THE COWPLAIN SCHOOL

**Headteacher**  
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Dear Parent

## THE COWPLAIN SCHOOL BUS PASS INFORMATION: 652/654 HAMBLEDON/DENMEAD BUS SERVICE

The 652/654 service will continue to run for the school year 2021/22. There are no changes to the timetable; in the mornings, the service will carry only Cowplain students, leaving Hambledon at 07:46, Denmead at 07:56, The Falcon at 08:02 and arriving at The Cowplain School at 08.13 so students should arrive in good time for lessons.

We will be keeping the same arrangement of two services home to enable students to stay and take part in our enrichment activities and then travel home safely. The first bus back is at 14.40pm, the other at 15.59pm. The 14.40pm service will only take Cowplain students; the later one will pick up our students after picking up those from Oaklands School.

All buses will pick up and drop off from the road outside the main school entrance. The 652 service is designated to The Cowplain School and does not pick up members of the public.

Students can pay on the bus daily or you can purchase an annual Cowplain Bus Pass, a saving of just over £100.00 a year compared to paying daily and negating the need to find cash every day.

The standing order scheme will still be in place, which allows you to spread the payments over ten months. Fares for the service for the school year 2021/22 have been agreed below:

Current Onboard fare - Single £1.95

Current Onboard fare - Return £3.00

| <b>Hambledon - Denmead - The Cowplain School</b> |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Via Sunnymead Drive and Wecock Farm              |                    |                    |
|  | Service Number 652 | Service Number 654 |
| <b>Monday to Friday School days only</b>         |                    |                    |
| <b>Pick Up Point</b>                             |                    |                    |
| Hambledon Opposite The Gardens                   | 07:46              |                    |
| Denmead Green                                    | 07:56              |                    |
| The Falcon                                       | 08:02              |                    |
| The Cowplain School                              | 08:13              |                    |
| <b>Collection Point</b>                          |                    |                    |
| The Cowplain School                              | 14:40              | 15:59              |
| The Falcon                                       | 14:50              | 16:10              |
| Denmead Green                                    | 14:55              | 16:15              |
| Hambledon Opposite The Gardens                   | 15:04              | 16:24              |

All timings could be subject to change

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Current Annual Bus Pass £467 (valid term time only) payments 10 x £46.70

Current Year 11 Bus Pass £420.00 (valid term time only up to 25/06/21) payments 10 x £42.00

Although we continue to subsidise this service, we have needed to increase the fares in line with the higher charges passed on by the bus company. Hampshire County Council has also agreed to maintain free transport for those who are eligible, the criteria for which we understand to be:

- living over 3 miles away from the school by the shortest walking route, or
- living 2 miles away if your child meets low-income criteria.

All applications for free transport should be made directly to HCC using the link below. Please also tick the appropriate box on the Bus Pass Order Form and return it to the school so we can monitor your application. **If you are currently in receipt of a free bus pass, you will only need to make a new application for 2021/22 if your circumstances have changed.**

HCC link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport>

If you wish to purchase a bus pass, please complete the Bus Pass Order Form and return to us by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, together with a completed Standing Order form or full payment. We will then process the form and let you know when the pass is ready for collection.

Yours sincerely

The Cowplain School