

June 2026



**THE  
COWPLAIN  
SCHOOL**

Dear Parent

**Principal**

Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

**The Cowplain School Bus Pass Information: HAMBLEDON/DENMEAD BUS SERVICE**

I am pleased to confirm that the Stagecoach 652/654 bus service will continue for the 2026/27 Academic Year.

There are no changes to the timetable; the morning service will carry Cowplain students only, leaving Hambledon at 07:35, Denmead at 07:43, The Falcon at 07:48 and arriving at The Cowplain School at 07:59. Students can go to the Library or Dining Room on arrival at school until it is time to move to their first lesson.

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. This bus can also be used for our Year 11 students who have an extra 40 minutes of lessons on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays. The first bus back is at 15.07pm, the other at 16.02pm. The 15.07pm 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 first service is designated to The Cowplain School and does not pick up members of the public.

<b>Hambledon - Denmead - The Cowplain School</b>		
Via Sunnymead Drive and Wecock Farm		
	Service Number	Service Number
<b>Monday to Friday School days only</b>	652	654
<b>Pick Up Point</b>		
Hambledon Opposite The Gardens	07:35	
Denmead Green	07:43	
The Falcon	07:48	
The Cowplain School	07:59	
<b>Collection Point</b>		
The Cowplain School	15:07	16:02
The Falcon	15:18	16:13
Denmead Green	15:23	16:18
Hambledon Opposite The Gardens	15:31	16:24
All timings could be subject to change		

Students can pay on the bus daily or you can purchase an annual Cowplain Bus Pass, a saving of 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 2026/27 have been agreed below:

Onboard fare - Single £2.60

Onboard fare - Return £4.00

Year 7-10 Annual Bus Pass £635.00 (valid term time only) payments 10 x £63.50

Year 11 Bus Pass £570.00 (valid term time only up to 25/06/2027) payments 10 x £57.00

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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 2026/27 if your circumstances have changed; for example, change of address.**

HCC link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/eligibility>

**Note: Hampshire's deadline for applications was 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

If you wish to purchase a bus pass, please complete the Bus Pass Order Form, and return to the Finance Office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026, together with evidence of a Standing Order arrangement or full payment. Travel to School on the bus will be free on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 and passes will be available for collection from the Finance Office when children arrive at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Sale  
Chief Financial Officer