



School Bus Guide

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to be able to introduce to you our first School Bus Guide for Gillotts School, providing information about how your child can access the school from September 2018. Reading Buses are the largest bus operator in Reading, and we are committed to giving you a quality bus service with a strong focus on customer service and innovation. We are taking over the operation of the Henley-on-Thames town bus network, and as a result of this we are pleased to be able to additionally offer a bus service from north Reading to Gillotts School.

Gillotts School will principally be served by our new service 145, which will start from Woodcote and operate via Caversham, Caversham Park, Sonning Common and Rotherfield Peppard. We will also be providing a link from Henley-on-Thames town centre to Gillotts School; in the morning pupils will be able to travel on service 151, which will divert to serve the school, and in the afternoon service 145 will serve Henley-on-Thames Market Place. Services 145 and 151 both drop off and pick up inside the Gillotts School bus turning circle.

We are making a wide range of great value fares available. Single fares and ten trip tickets will continue to be available, with no changes to the prices that you are currently paying, and you will also have the ability to purchase a range of bus passes, issued on smartcards, that will save you up to £150 per year compared to buying multiple ten trip tickets.

You can find further information online at gillotts.vectare.co.uk; this website contains timetable and fare information, and you can also search for your closest bus stop if you are unsure about where it is. The website now allows you to track your buses as they move, so you will always know when your bus is due to arrive.

We know that you might have some questions about how the new service will operate, so if this is the case please do not hesitate to contact our friendly customer services team via our website (above). We will be happy to help you with anything you might need, and we look forward to seeing you on board in September.



We operate a fleet of modern, easy-to-board buses, all fitted with free WiFi so your child can stay online on the move.



We use dedicated drivers who work on the same routes, and all of our Silverstars bus services are driven by Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked drivers for your peace of mind. All buses also have CCTV on board to enhance safety and security.



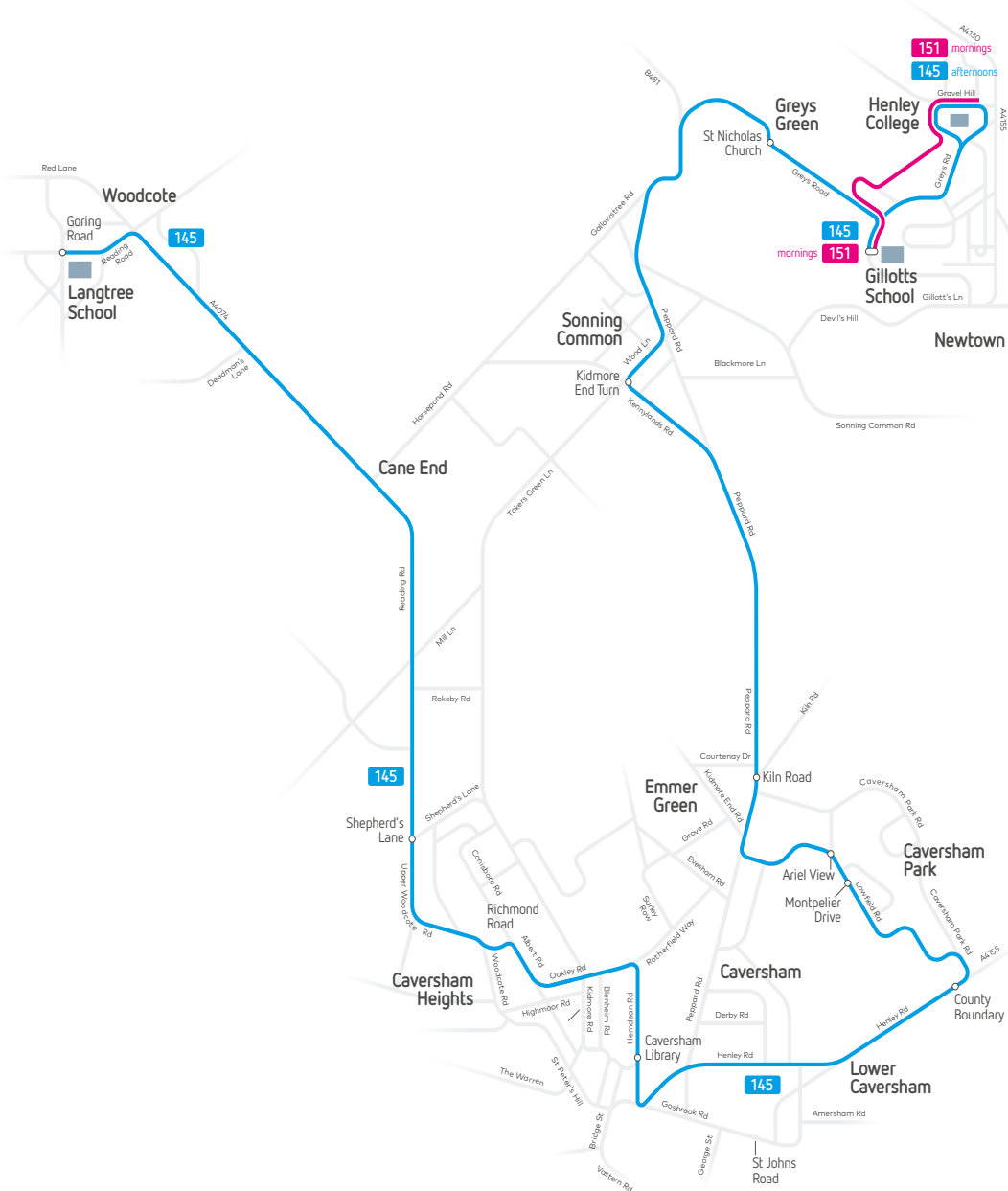
We have a great range of passes for individual terms or the whole year, so there's no need for your child to carry cash.



All buses have GPS on-board, so you can track the bus live on an interactive map and see when it's due to arrive!



Keep updated through your mobile! Sign up for free text alerts on our website and stay informed about any delays or issues with your route direct from our control room. You can also track your bus through our app - search 'Reading Buses' and download it now from the App Store or Google Play.



If you are travelling on service 145, we have made sure that you will not be paying any more than you currently are - and if you purchase one of our bus passes, you could save up to £150 per year compared to purchasing ten trip tickets. We have split the 145 route into two sections. If you are getting on or off anywhere between Woodcote and Abbey Rugby Club you will need to purchase a simplyNetwork ticket, and if you are getting on or off anywhere after the Abbey Rugby Club you can purchase a simplyHenley ticket. This means that passengers from Woodcote, Caversham and Caversham park will need to purchase simplyNetwork tickets, and passengers from Sonning Common, Rotherfield Peppard and Greys Green will need to purchase simplyHenley tickets.

On the bus, you will only be able to purchase single, return and ten trip tickets. If you want to buy a termly bus pass or an annual bus pass, you will need to preorder this via our online booking system. Once we receive your order, we will post your smartcard out to you. There are two options for each of our bus passes; you can purchase a Silverstars bus pass or a Silverstars Plus bus pass. A Silverstars bus pass allows you to travel to and from school on service 145 and other Reading Buses services within the simplyReading zone Monday-Friday during term time. A Silverstars Plus bus pass allows you to travel to and from school, and it also allows you to travel on any Reading Buses service anywhere on our network at weekends and during the school holidays, so its a great option if you use the bus to go shopping, meet friends or get to and from other activities outside of school times.

Fare	Where to buy	Silverstars Network	Silverstars Henley
Single	on the bus	£4.00	£3.50
Day return	on the bus	£7.00	£6.00
10 Journeys (Silver saver 10)	on the bus	£30.00	£25.00
Academic Term (Silverstars)	online	£350.00	£310.00
Academic Term (Silverstars Plus)	online	£385.00	£345.00
Academic Year (Silverstars)	online	£990.00	£890.00
Academic Year (Silverstars Plus)	online	£1,090.00	£990.00

145 to school

Caversham Park - Sonning Common

	AM
Woodcote War Memorial	7:40
Blagrove Lane	7:52
Caversham Library	7:59
Henley Road, County Boundary	8:05
Ariel View	8:10
Kiln Road	8:12
Kidmore End Turn	8:16
Rotherfield Peppard	8:21
Greys Green	8:23
Gillotts School	8:29

151 to School

	AM
Henley-on-Thames, Market Place	8:25
Elizabeth Road	8:31
Gillotts School	8:35

145 to Woodcote

	Mon-Thurs	Fri
Gillotts School	3:40	2:40
Greys Green	3:52	2:52
Rotherfield Peppard	3:54	2:54
Kidmore End Turn	3:58	2:58
Kiln Road	4:02	3:02
Ariel View	4:04	3:04
Henley Road, County Boundary	4:10	3:10
Caversham Library	4:15	3:15
Shepherds Lane	4:27	3:27
Woodcote War Memorial	4:36	3:36

145 to Henley-on-Thames

	PM
Gillotts School	3:40
Elizabeth Road	3:42
Henley-on-Thames, Market Place	3:45

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Order your child's smartcard online at gillotts.vectare.co.uk

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You will receive a confirmation email, and the smartcard will be posted out within 5 working days.

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Sit back and wait for the card! If you have any issues in the meantime, complete our online contact form and our friendly customer services team will get right back to you.

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Reading bus shop in Broad Street Mall

Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm



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