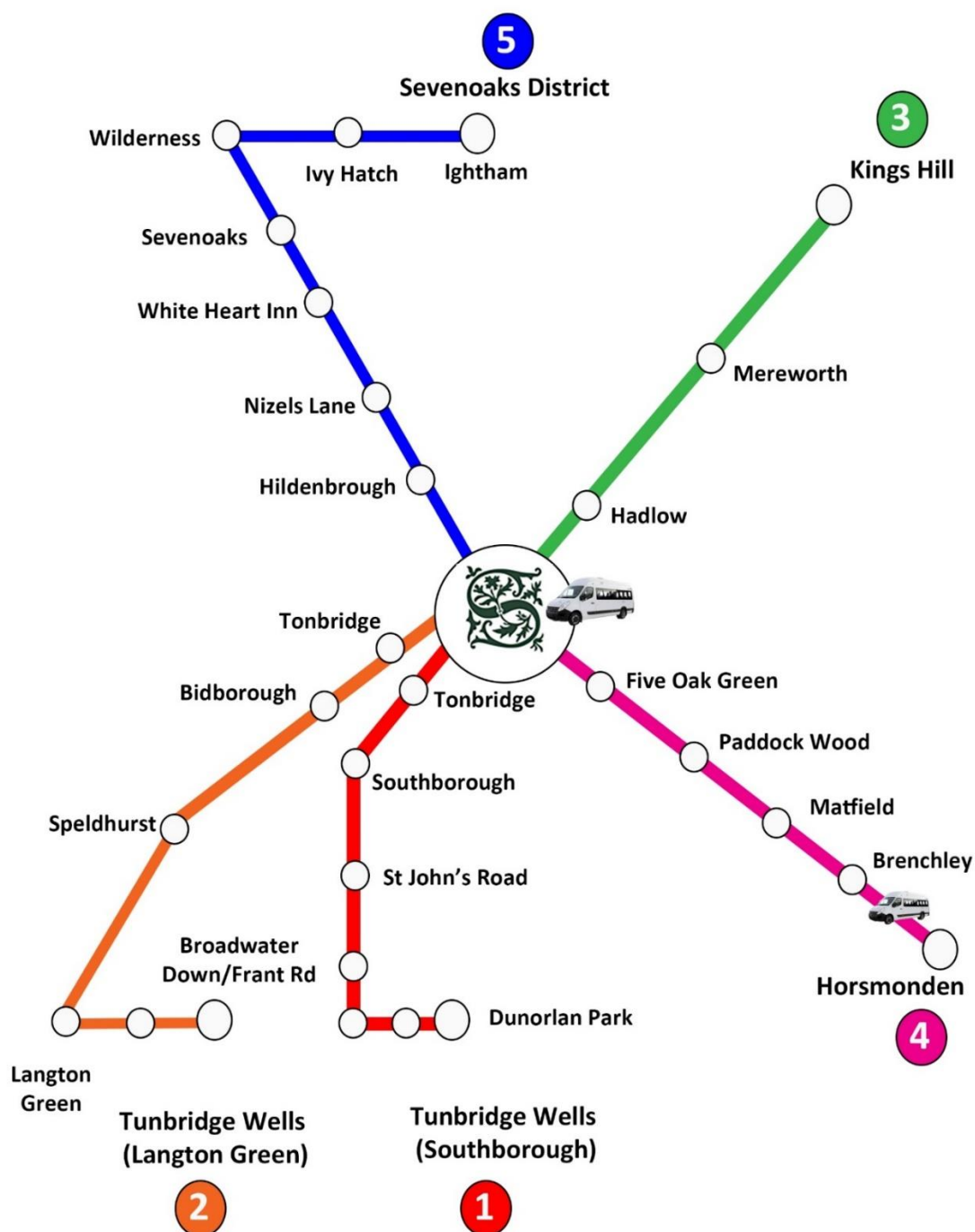




Somerhill Minibus Service Booklet 2023-2024



THE MINIBUS SERVICE 2023-2024

Minibus services to school are operated on five routes:

From and to Tunbridge Wells via Southborough

From Kings Hill via Mereworth and Hadlow

From Horsmonden via Brenchley and Matfield

From Ightham via Sevenoaks and Hildenborough

From Langton Green via Tunbridge Wells

Please note that the pick-up and drop off points and times detailed in this booklet may change depending on demand in any academic year.

The Tunbridge Wells/Southborough service runs five days per week both mornings and afternoons. The Tunbridge Wells/Langton Green, Kings Hill, Horsmonden & Sevenoaks services run five mornings per week. Full details regarding the timings, stops and costs of these services can be found below.

The Tunbridge Wells/Southborough afternoon bus leaves Somerhill at 16.40 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with an earlier departure at 16.10 on Wednesdays. Pre-Prep children wishing to use the afternoon bus service can stay on after the end of the school day and be cared for in clubs and/or After School Care. Yardley Court and Derwent Lodge pupils in Years 3 and 4 taking the school bus are fully supervised from 16.10 until the end of the school day enabling all year groups to use the bus services.

The minibus service can be used by children from Year 1 upwards.

Pre-Prep children are collected and escorted from the school bus in the mornings and are collected from their clubs or After School Care and escorted to the afternoon bus. There is no charge for After School Care for Pre-Prep children using the afternoon school bus.

TIMETABLES

TUNBRIDGE WELLS/SOUTHBOROUGH MINIBUS SERVICE

	LOCATION	a.m.	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Tunbridge Wells	Molyneux Park Road / Earls Road	07:30					
Tunbridge Wells	Culverden Down Jct with Culverden Park Rd	07:35					
Tunbridge Wells	St John's Rd Jct with Beltring Rd	07:40					
Tunbridge Wells	St John's Rd/Majestic Wine Shop	07:45					
Southborough	Southborough Church	07:50					
Tonbridge	Pembury Rd, Police Station	07:55					

	LOCATION	p.m.	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Tonbridge	Pembury Rd, Police Station	16:45			16:13		
Southborough	London Rd, Opposite The Fountain	16:50			16:20		
Tunbridge Wells	St John's Road, Cross Keys	16:55			16:23		
Tunbridge Wells	St John's Road/Skinners School	17:00			16:25		
Tunbridge Wells	Culverden Down Jct with Culverden Pk Rd	17:05			16:30		
Tunbridge Wells	Molyneux Park Road / Earls Road	17:08			16:33		
Tunbridge Wells	Top of Warwick Park	17:15			16:40		
Tunbridge Wells	Pembury Rd, Dunorlan Park Entrance	17:20			16:45		

TUNBRIDGE WELLS/LANGTON GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE MORNING ONLY

	LOCATION	a.m.	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Tunbridge Wells	Dunorlan Park	07:15					
Tunbridge Wells	Top of Warwick Park	07:20					
Tunbridge Wells	Sainsbury's Superstore	07:25					
Langton Green	Village Hall	07:35					
Speldhurst	Village Hall	07:40					

HORSMONDEN MINIBUS SERVICE MORNING ONLY

		a.m.	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Horsmonden	Village Store	07:30					
Brenchley	Memorial Hall	07:40					
Matfield	Standing Cross	07:45					
Paddock Wood	Putlands Leisure Centre	07:50					
Five Oak Green	Chapel farm Lay-by	07:55					

KINGS HILL MINIBUS SERVICE MORNING ONLY

	LOCATION	a.m.	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Kings Hill	ASDA Carpark	07:20					
Kings Hill	Discovery Drive/Bancroft Lane	07:23					
Kings Hill	Discovery Drive/Tug of War Roundabout	07:25					
Kings Hill	Discovery Drive / Anson Av.	07:28					
Kings Hill	Council Offices / Chrome Ball	07:30					
Mereworth	Layby before Mereworth	07:35					
Hadlow	BP Garage Three Elm Lane	07:50					

SEVENOAKS & DISTRICT MINIBUS SERVICE MORNING ONLY

	LOCATION	a.m.	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Ightham	Sevenoaks Rd/Jubilee Cres.	07:20					
Ivy Hatch	The Plough Inn	07:25					
Wilderness	Wild Av. Jct /Seal Hollow Rd	07:38					
Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks School opp. Oak La.	07:45					
Sevenoaks	White Hart Inn	07:50					
Sevenoaks	Nizels Lane	07:54					
Hildenborough	Mill Lane	07:59					

Costs

Only the TW/Southborough minibus service operates both mornings and afternoons 5 days a week.

Route	Fee per term
Individual One Way	£182
2 Siblings One Way	£355
3 Siblings One Way	£519
Individual Return	£330
2 Siblings Return	£644
3 Siblings Return	£941

Payment

The charge is in arrears and will be added to your termly invoice.

Booking

Booking is termly in advance via an online booking system. Priority is given to existing users and their siblings.

A waiting list is operated for popular routes. Please email reception@somerhill.org if you wish to be added to the waiting list.

Notice or Queries

Should you no longer wish to use the minibus service we require one terms notice. Please email reception@somerhill.org if you wish to give notice or have any queries.

SOMERHILL MINIBUS CONDITIONS OF USE

Pick Up

Please ensure that you are at the designated pick-up spot in good time and that you stay with your child until the bus arrives. Should a pupil not arrive at their designated spot on time, the driver will endeavour to contact the parents directly to determine if arrival is imminent. If not, the driver has been instructed to leave to minimise disruption to the scheduled timetable.

Drop Off

For reasons of child safety, the driver is under strict instructions to only release your child to one or other of their parents at the bus stop unless we have been notified in advance/via email, that someone else such as a grandparent, nanny, au pair, elder sibling etc will collect them. If the person that we expect to collect your child is not at the bus stop, the driver will attempt to contact you via telephone. If they are unable to reach you then the driver has been instructed to return your child to school, where we will look after them until they are collected.

Absence/Change of Plans

The driver will expect to see your child every day unless advised otherwise. If your child is unwell and not attending school, please ensure you have advised the driver directly via the mobile number detailed below to confirm that pick up is not required.

If for any reason your child is scheduled to be on the evening service but won't be, kindly ensure that you have advised the driver via the mobile **and** the School Office Team via the main school number: 01732 352 124

Contacts

Route	Registration	Mobile Number	Driver
Tunbridge Wells via Southborough (both ways)	RX19 VGN	07841 783102	Paul Shipley
Horsmonden via Brenchley and Matfield	GX68 YWP	07407 731846	Barry Baldock
Kings Hill via Mereworth and Hadlow	BK22 VLO	07841 567114	Andy White
Ightham via Sevenoaks and Hildenborough	GX68 YWO	07525 298802	Ian Pearce
Tunbridge Wells / Langton Green via Speldhurst	KN72 XUX	07894 461750	Simon Killick

We endeavour to use the same drivers for each route to ensure that the driver gets to know our school families. We recommend you put their numbers in your phone for ease of reference.

School Office Team via switchboard: 01732 352124

Or

Reception@somerhill.org