

St Katherine's School Travel Guide for Students, Parents/Carers and Visitors



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Introduction

At St Katherine's we have a high percentage of students travelling to school by car, coach or bus. This booklet provides details on how to get to school, however you decide to travel. Please travel as sustainably as you can.

As part of our School Travel Plan we consider all the current methods of transport to ensure:

- Student Safety
- Student Comfort
- Students healthy approach to travel
- A consideration of the local environmental impacts.

What it means for St Katherine's

- We work closely with the North Somerset Council School Travel team and our own School Travel Plan advisor.
- We involve all stakeholders at the school, including School Council, students and parents to help develop and maintain the strategy.
- We work with external partners such as transport providers, VOSA, the Traffic Commissioner and the local Police Community Support Officer (PSCO)
- We look at the whole range of transport options and provisions for our staff and students.
- We consider the environmental impact on our local community.

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Travel information is also on the St Katherine's School website: www.stkaths.org.uk in the 'Transport and Travel' section.

Walking to School

We encourage all our local students to walk whenever possible. Care should be taken on the local main roads and footpaths used.

Cycling to school

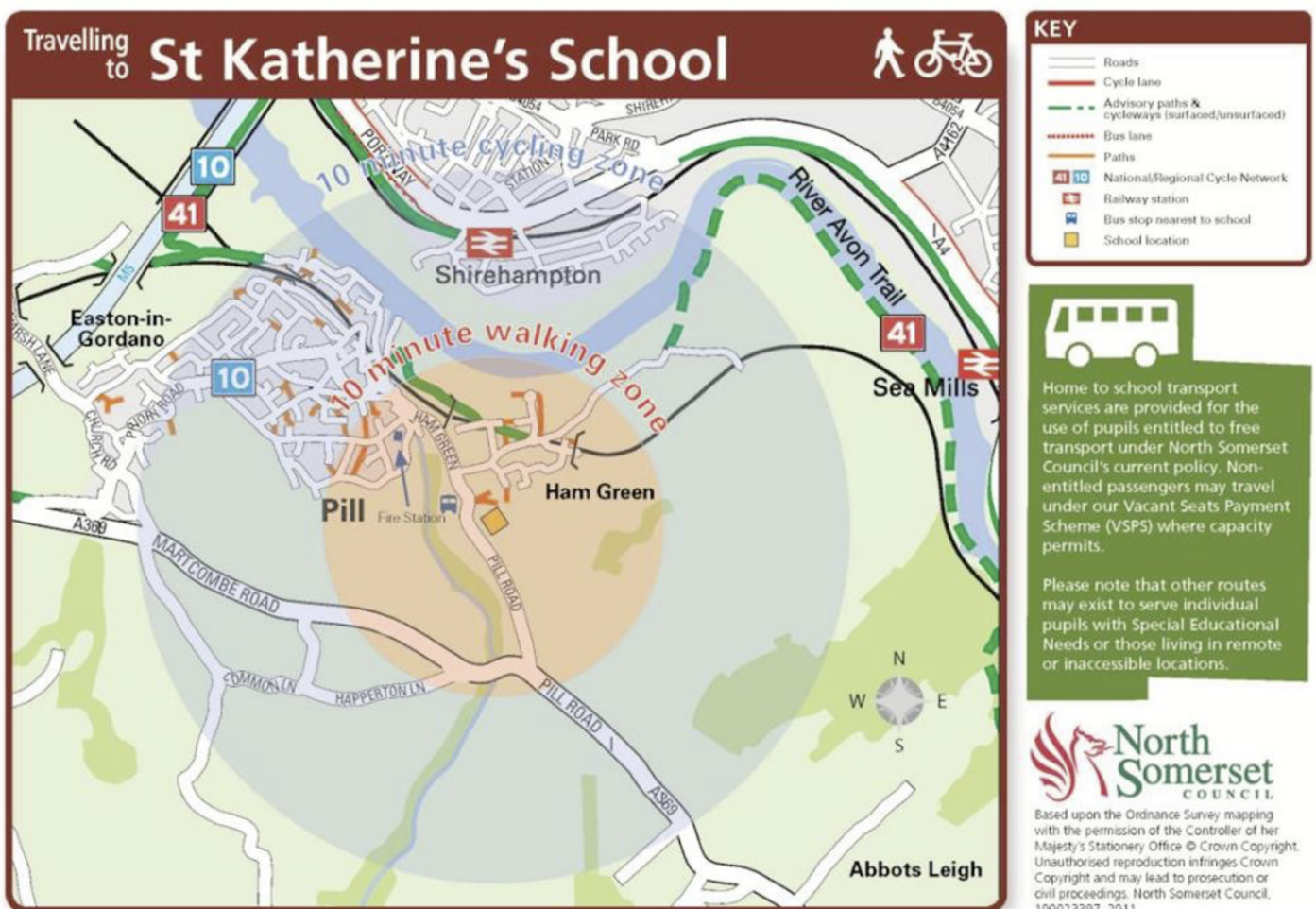
There are a number of safe cycling routes to St Katherines. Please use the secure cycle racks provided and lock up any cycles or equipment as the security of each student's bike is their own responsibility. Visit www.betterbybike.info for more advice and details about cycle routes to and from St Katherine's.

• Secure cycle storage

There is a secure cycle storage facility for students and staff. **Please note:** students who bring their cycles to school do so at their own risk and school cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage. We recommend that any cycle equipment is insured and marked with the owner's postcode. Users of these facilities must wear a helmet for their personal safety.

Walking and cycling zones

The map shows estimated 10 minutes walking and cycling distances to St Katherine's.



Driving by car

- From the M5 (Junction 19 M5)

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Follow the road signposted to Bristol A369, continue along the Martcombe Road (A369) turn left, just after Haberfield Hill into Pill Road. St Katherine's School is on the right approximately a quarter of a mile from the junction.

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• **From Bristol**

From Bristol city centre follow the signs for the M5 on the A369 leaving Bristol. Drive up Rownham Hill, through the traffic lights at the top and follow Abbots Leigh Road (A369) approximately 2 miles. Turn right into Pill Road just before Haberfield Hill. St Katherine's School is on the right approximately a quarter of a mile from the junction.

Car sharing

As part of our School Travel Plan we try to discourage too many cars coming on site and encourage the use of public transport or cycling. However car sharing arrangements are an excellent option. Many parents have organised themselves into local groups and take it in turns to bring students to and from school. This can save a lot of time, fuel and congestion. Due to GDPR we cannot give out information about parents, however we have found that the students do most of the organising through friends in their tutors groups.

We would ask parents to make contact with each other and set up arrangements amongst themselves. You could contact other parents through the school Facebook page (St Katherine's School). For other ideas and contacts please visit: www.2carshare.com

Smoking

St Katherine's School operates a strict non-smoking policy which includes all grounds, buildings and cars on site.

Parking at St Katherine's

We kindly ask that visitors park in the allocated parking bays and not in the areas designated for buses.

Please also avoid parking on the double yellow lines or near the gates as this obstructs access for coaches and deliveries. Users of car parks on the school site do so at their own risk. We will not accept liability for damage, loss or accident to any vehicles or contents.

Disabled parking

Disabled parking is available in the top car park, next to the English Faculty for Blue Badge holders.

Sixth Form Students driving to school

If a student has a valid licence to drive either a motorcycle or car and wishes to park in the car park, please ask permission from Mrs Williams in School Reception williamsb@skdrive.org. Please note students' motorcycles and cars should only be parked in the overflow car park.

Security

All visitors must sign in at the main school reception and provide car registration details. They will be given a visitor badge which must be worn at all times while on the school site and returned to visitor reception when signing out.

Movement on site Please note there is a strict one way system as well as a 5 mph limit on site.



Travelling by bus

St Katherine's Bus Services

St Katherine's School has contracted the services of Turners Coachways to run 8 buses on routes that cover over 150 km² of Bristol. Routes are reviewed regularly to best meet the needs of all passengers and will be

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updated every September when new year 7 students join. Full details of the current routing can be found on our website. <http://www.stkaths.org.uk/parentscarers/transport-travel/>

All buses are charged at £6 per day and this is collected via Direct Debit at £100 per month for the ten months from September to July.

To book a place on one of our buses please call the main reception on 01275 373737.

North Somerset Home to School Transport Buses

Blue Iris Coaches (Tel. 01275 851121) provide transport for students entitled to free transport through the North Somerset Home to School Transport Scheme. Details of bus times and stops are provided below and in the bus pass pack given by North Somerset Council to eligible students. **Please note:** free transport does not apply to post-16 students.

	Pick up	Return
Long Ashton Road/Theynes Croft	8:05	15:54
Long Ashton Library/Weston Road	8:10	15:50
St Katherine's School	8:35	15:30

For more information about home to school transport contact:

Home to School Transport
North Somerset Council
Town Hall
Walliscote Grove Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1UJ
Telephone: 01934 634715
Email: schooltransport@n-somerset.gov.uk
Web: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/hometoschooltransport

Public Transport

FirstGroup's X4 buses travel between Bristol, Pill and Portishead and stop near St Katherine's School. The X4 stops outside the school.

Full timetables are at: www.firstgroup.com

First Bus Customer Services & Enquiries Tel: 0845 602 0156

You can also plan your journey on public transport by visiting Traveline South West: www.travelinesw.com

Code of Conduct for Bus and Coach Users - Purpose

- To ensure the interests of all Students' Health and Safety are met.
- To ensure that all Students have an enjoyable, stress free journey to and from school.
- To uphold the reputation of St Katherine's School.
- To encourage good behaviour, respect and self-discipline amongst all students.

Code of Conduct

★ Carry a valid bus pass and show it on request

★ Sit only in the allocated seat

★ Wear a seat belt at all times

- To be smartly dressed in school uniform or appropriate attire for Sixth Form students.
- No consumption of food, snacks or fizzy drinks (still drinks and water allowed)
- No smoking or consumption of alcohol or dropping litter.
- No use of bad language, swearing or language of an inappropriate or aggressive nature.
- Have your bus pass or ticket available or money ready to purchase a ticket, you will not be allowed on the bus without tickets or payment.
- Be polite and courteous to each other, drivers and members of the public.
- Under no circumstances must tickets be copied or forged.
- Wait for the bus or coach in an orderly queue without any pushing.
- Allow members of the public to pass and/or walk by.
- Embark in a calm and safe manner.
- Disembark in an orderly and safe manner.
- In the event of a bus not arriving/stopping for the school-bound journey, please call school immediately–don't start walking.
- Do not do anything that might endanger you, other students or the driver.
- Do not call out to other students or distract the driver.
- Obey the instructions of the School Bus Monitors.
- Place any litter in bins or bags provided or take it home.
- In the event of an emergency only leave the bus if requested to do so by the driver or Bus Monitor, wait for replacement transport do not start walking.

Bus Monitors

Bus Monitors are appointed and trained by the school to ensure the Code of Conduct is observed and to report any issues that may arise back to school for the school to deal with. Students who may have concerns when travelling on the bus should approach their Bus Monitor.

Disciplinary Action

Any reported poor behaviour or failure to observe the Code of Conduct for Buses will be dealt with as a disciplinary issue by school. Following three incidents we serve the right to remove students from St Katherine's Bus Services.