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Sports Scholar - TRANSPORT POLICY

Policy Aims

This agreement is made between all College passengers, their parents/ guardians and Epsom College. To provide clarity and structure for safe and efficient journeys, from Epsom College to external after school sport activities*.

The aim of this transport is to support the overall sport development of Epsom College students. Students who hold an Epsom College Sports Scholarship are entitled to this support and will take priority on any transport needs. Often additional students can also benefit from this transport and the College holds the right to allow access at its discretion.

Arrangements for students' journeys from the College are the responsibility of their parents/ guardians. To assist with discharging this responsibility, Epsom College provides a transport service.

Terms of Transport

- Students must be at the collection point 5 minutes before the departure time to ensure they do not miss the service.
- Transport will be provided for the main sport season. Transport outside of the main season will be at the discretion of the Director of Sport.
- For Day Pupils, all trips will be one way, with the latest departure time from Epsom College at 6.45pm. Only boarders who are entitled to transport (sport scholars) will be provided with return journeys.
- Students must have their mobile phone with sufficient battery while on transport and be always contactable by parents/guardians.
- Parents/ guardians must provide a minimum of 48 hours written notice of any transport absences or if services are no longer required. Failure to do so will incur a flat fee of £8 per journey, which will be added on to term fees.
- In the event a Day or Boarding student is late for the service (and therefore misses transport), it is the responsibility of the parent/ guardian to provide transport away from the College. A charge for the missed transport (for both Day Pupils and Boarders) will also be incurred and added on to term fees.
- Good conduct and respect, in line with Epsom College's Behaviour Policy, is always expected.
- Transport will be provided by Epsom College employed drivers or in some cases, Epsom College approved external taxi service.
- Epsom College holds the right to make changes to transport at its discretion
- Drop off and collection will be at an agreed location between the College and the sports club/academy. The parent takes responsibility for the pupil once the drop off has taken place.
- All sessions must be within a 20 miles radius of the College campus, and taxi fares should not exceed £50.
- All transport is a term time only provision and a maximum of 2 journeys can be organised per person, per week. Further requests will be at the discretion of the Director of Sport.
- Transport will not be provided in the first week of each term without prior agreement.

*list of external sporting activities acceptable for support:

- Hockey Club training sessions for Talent Academy status clubs Currently this only includes Wimbledon HC and Surbiton HC. There will be no transport for club summer training programmes. During the summer term, the only transport will be for Wimbledon or Surbiton Talent Academy sessions.
- Netball Sessions at elite club level such as Regional 1 or Premier League 1, 2, 3 as determined by the Director of Netball.
- Rugby Academy training only, this is currently limited to Harlequins training sessions. Any other sessions will be at the discretion of the Director of Rugby.
- Football Transport to Fulham Academy, Sutton United and AFC Wimbledon only. Transport may be provided for 6th form pupils to Isthmian League clubs currently restricted to Met Police, Kingstonians and Leatherhead FC. Further Clubs/Academies will be at the discretion of the Director of Football and the Director of Sport.
- Squash Elite training sessions, midweek only. Transport to select tournaments is at the discretion of the Squash Development Officer and Director of Sport.
- Athletics Transport for top 20 nationally ranked athletes (within last 2 years) training must be with elite level coach.
- Cricket County training sessions, currently restricted to Surrey CCC EPP and Academy training sessions.
- Other Sports Transport is at the discretion of the Director of Sport.