



Sir Graham Balfour School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to provide you with a further update on the situation with the school buses and the likely delays caused by the impending roadworks on the A5013 road from Eccleshall to Stafford ([S278 Creswell Grove | Roadworks in Stafford | Staffordshire County Council](#)).

We have been waiting for further updated from the School Transport Team and individual coach companies, today they have provided us with the following information:

Route 541 (all pick up times will move forward by 15 minutes)

Pick Up/Set Down	Outward	Return
White House, Doley Road, Eccleshall, Stafford, ST21 6EP	07:15	16.45
Eccleshall – Horseley Road/Horseley Lane for Horseley Hall ST21 6JD	07:22	16.37
Garmelow- Rock Cottage, Cash Lane ST21 6HP	07:25	16.30
1 Walton Hall, Stafford Road, Walton, Eccleshall, Stafford, ST21 6JR	07.35	16.20
Outlane Waltonhurst Lane	07.37	16.18
Ellenhall- Church	07.43	16.12
Oak tree Cottage, Ellenhall Lane, Ellenhall,Stafford ST20 0JQ	07:46	16:07
Chebsey-Phone Box	07:58	15:57
Chebsey- School Lane Searchlight Lane ST21 6JU	08:00	15:55
Hammer House Farm, Smithy Lane,Norton Bridge,Stone,ST15 0NS	08:10	15:45
Worston-Riverside Farm, Worston Lane ST18 9QA	08:25	15:40
Sir Graham Balfour High School, North Avenue, Stafford ST16 1NR	08:40	15:30

Route 538

Pick Up/Set Down	Outward	Return
Slindon – Bus Shelter	08:00	16:02
Eccleshall - Gaol Butts (Bottom of road /opposite Eagle Pub)	08:04	15:56
Eccleshall - No 1 Cross Butts (Just after Cross Butts junction)	08:07	15:53
Great Bridgeford – opposite Jasmine Road	08:15	15:45
Sir Graham Balfour High School, North Avenue, Stafford ST16 1NR	08:35	15:30

Public Route Chase Rider 432

All students who are currently eligible to use Chaserider 432 **will be issued with a pass for the newly created contract service 536**. These new passes will be sent directly to pupils as soon as possible, so there is nothing extra you need to do at this stage. This is the 536 route:

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The registered office is at Sir Graham Balfour High School, North Avenue, Stafford, ST16 1NR.

Pick Up/Set Down	Outward
Eccleshall- Castle Street	07:55
Stafford Road/ Green Lane	08:00
Stafford Road/ Walton Hall	08:10
Eccleshall- Jasmine Road	08:20
Sir Graham Balfour High School, North Avenue, Stafford ST16 1NR	08:40

To clarify, afternoon transport arrangements will remain unchanged, and students can continue to use the 432 as usual for their journey home. The new arrangements apply only to mornings, and the operator will be given a list of eligible pupils, so they are aware of who to expect on the 536 route.

We anticipate the roadworks will be in place until 31st January 2027. Once they are complete, all pupils will revert to using the 432 for both morning and afternoon journeys, just as they do now.

We have been told **other routes will not be affected.**

As we have said in previous letters, arriving on time to school is important for all students who use the buses, but we are especially concerned to make sure that the Year 11 and Year 13 students arrive on time for the GCSE and A level exams that they will be sitting in the coming weeks. They have enough to deal with during the exam period, without the added worry of wondering whether or not they will be on time for their exams

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Haines
Deputy Headteacher