



15th March 2024

Dear Parent

New Students – Out of Catchment Home to School Transport (HTST) September 2024

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Sarum Academy. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with more information about the minibus service that we provide if you live out of the catchment area.

We currently operate 2 minibuses; these cover Amesbury and the areas surrounding Salisbury. The routes complement the statutory arrangements provided by Wiltshire Local Authority for catchment area students.

The school does not receive funding for out of catchment area students transport, therefore, all seats must be paid for in full. The cost for this academic year will be £950. We have worked hard to keep the costs as low as possible, however, with the increase in our external costs we have had to raise the cost to parents. To assist with monthly payments, we have extended the collection period to 10 months, paid by direct debit on the 1st of each month.

Unfortunately, due to limited resources we can only provide full time return seats. We are unable to accommodate single journeys or different drop off points and cannot offer sibling discounts as seats are costed out individually.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on our transport service, please complete the expression of interest form as soon as possible and by no later than the 15th of April. This can be completed by copying the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/9n9NyWExkA> into your search engine or by scanning the QR code below.

If you have any questions that have not been answered by filling in the form, please contact the transport team via email transport@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you live in the catchment area and would like more information on Local Authority transport, please visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport>. Transport eligibility and applications forms should be filled in and sent directly to the Local Authority. The school are not involved in this process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Crowle'.

Mrs Andrea Crowle
Head of Commercial Operations
Magna Learning Partnership

