



1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

Dear parents and carers,

### **Review of Hams Travel Bus and Hugh Christie Minibus Services**

We have successfully worked with Hams Travel for a number of years to try to ensure a convenient bus service to and from the school.

Based on the number of students being offered places at the school from September 2019 we have informed Hams Travel that we will require changes to our current provision. This is because our current minibus service and the 541 would be massively oversubscribed and the 542 would have to be discontinued because of low numbers. This would obviously cause disruption and inconvenience to a significant number of our students and their families.

Hams Travel will therefore make some changes to the current routes to resolve these problems from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Two of the current bus routes (541 and 542) and Hugh Christie minibus route will be replaced with two new ones. The 540 (also operated by Hams) will remain unchanged. The change is being made before the start of the next academic year so that any unforeseen problems can be resolved prior to September 2019.

The details of the new 538 and 539 services that will replace the existing 541, 542 and minibus routes are below in this letter.

Children who currently use the Hugh Christie minibus will be able to use the new 538 service from the 1<sup>st</sup> June until the end of Term 6 without a Kent Young Person's Travel Card; the school will provide them with a pass to access the bus. However, from September 2019, they will be required to purchase a Young Person's Travel Card from Kent County Council along with every other student wishing to use the school buses.

In order to make sure the journey times are realistic and that the buses are not traveling long un-environmentally friendly distances, Hams Travel have had to take some difficult decisions to discontinue calling at a very small number of stops. They have taken these decisions where the number of children who are regularly using the stops is very small and an alternative bus route, which stops near to the school, already operates. I would ask any parents of students adversely affected by this change to contact the Business Manager, Mrs Brookman, so we can explore with you what alternative buses are available, so that they are still able to attend school.

Please contact Mrs Brookman if you have any questions regarding the new bus services.

Yours sincerely,

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Service 538

Pembury – Hugh Christie School

			Fri
Pembury, Green	07:15	Hugh Christie School	15:00 13:45
Pembury, Royal Oak	07:20	Hadlow, Square	15:10 13:55
East Peckham	07:27	Airfield Estate	15:20 14:05
Nettlestead	07:32	Kings Hill, Gibson Drive	15:25 14:10
Wateringbury, Bow Road	07:35	Kings Hill, Discovery Drive	15:30 14:15
Mereworth, Crossroads	07:45	Kings Hill, Boulevard Ave.	15:33 14:18
Kings Hill, Asda	07:47	Kings Hill, Asda	15:38 14:23
Kings Hill, Boulevard Ave.	07:52	Mereworth, Crossroads	15:40 14:25
Kings Hill, Discovery Drive	07:55	Wateringbury, Bow Road	15:50 14:35
Kings Hill, Gibson Drive	08:00	Nettlestead	15:53 14:38
Airfield Estate	08:05	East Peckham	15:58 14:43
Hadlow, Square	08:15	Pembury, Royal Oak	16:05 14:50
Hugh Christie School	08:20	Pembury, Green	16:10 14:55

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## Service 539

### West Malling – Hugh Christie School

		Fri	
		Hugh Christie	
West Malling, High Street	07:00	Technology College	15:00 13:45
New Hythe Lane	07:05	Hildenborough, Church	15:10 13:55
Larkfield, Fire Station	07:08	Sevenoaks, School	15:15 14:00
Chapman Way	07:13	Sevenoaks, Station	15:20 14:05
Seal, High Street	07:15	Riverhead, Harvester	15:22 14:07
Chidingstone Crossroads	07:30	Dunton Green, Tesco	15:27 14:12
Sevenoaks, Hospital	07:38	Otford, Pond	15:37 14:22
Otford, Pond	07:43	Sevenoaks, Hospital	15:42 14:27
Dunton Green, Tesco	07:53	Chidingstone, Crossroads	15:54 14:35
Riverhead, opp. Harvester	07:58	Seal, High Street	16:09 14:50
Sevenoaks Station	08:00	Chapman Way	16:12 14:52
Sevenoaks School	08:05	Larkfield, Fire Station	16:17 14:57
Hildenborough, Church	08:15	New Hythe Lane	16:20 15:00
Hugh Christie Technology College	08:20	West Malling, High Street	16:25 15:05



## Service 540

### Sundridge – Hugh Christie Technology College

		Mon-	
		Thur	Fri
Sundridge, Select Garden Centre	07:00	Hugh Christie	
Sundridge, Traffic Lights	07:03	Technology College	15:00 13:45
Brasted, High Street	07:10	Leigh Green	15:20 14:05
Westerham, High Street	07:15	Chiddingstone Causeway	
Swan Pub/ Marpit Lane	07:20	PO	15:26 14:11
Waitrose, Edenbridge	07:25	Bough Beech	
Edenbridge, Eden Valley School	07:30	Wheatsheaf PH	15:31 14:16
Four Elms		FourElms	
Post Office	07:35	Post office	15:36 14:21
Bough Beech	07:40	Edenbridge, Eden	
Chiddington Causeway, Post Office	07:45	BrudgeValley School	15:42 14:27
Leigh Green	07:50	Edenbridge, Waitrose	15:47 14:32
Hugh Christie Technology College	08:20	Westerham, High Street	15:57 14:42
		Brasted, High Street	16:02 14:47
		Sundridge, Traffic Lights	16:04 14:49
		Sundridge. Select Garden Centre	16:07 14:54