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Secondary – Bus Fare Increase



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Dear Parent / Carer

I write to inform you of an upcoming fare increase for journeys on the school buses (H1, H2, H3 and H4).

Despite rising costs, we have worked with East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) for many years to keep bus fares as low as possible to support families, and there has not been a fare increase for over five years. However, it has now become necessary for EYMS to increase their fares by 20%.

To ease the financial pressure, this increase will be phased in, with an increase of 10p per journey with effect from 6 November 2023 (after half term) and a further 10p increase starting from 9 January 2024.

For frequent users of the school bus service, remember that a termly bus pass can be purchased which offers a discount across multiple journeys. Holders of a termly bus pass for this Autumn term can continue to use this pass and will only see an increase in fare in January.

We shall be introducing the EYMS ticketing portal – desktop and App – from January 2024. Initially for our pass holders, and shortly afterwards for all school bus travellers. This system will enable you to purchase tickets online and receive electronic tickets on devices rather than paper tickets on the bus. Payment by cash will still be accepted. More information to follow.

Finally, please be aware of the range of bus routes which are served by our school buses which often provide students with a choice of which bus to use, for their convenience. This information can be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully

Mr V Groak
Headteacher