

School Transport – Update at 6th October 2017

Travelling to school - Recent and upcoming changes

From 20th September 2017

First Scotland East service 391 from Falkirk changed from Wednesday 20th September and now operates from Lionthorn Estate, Falkirk before serving Falkirk town centre. It also operates via Forth Valley Royal Hospital to connect with services from Denny in the morning. Both journeys in the afternoon will extend to the Lionthorn Estate, and those travelling to Denny can either change at Forth Valley Royal Hospital by travelling on First's H2 service (early afternoon service only) or, alternatively, via Camelon Main Street.

From 26th October 2017

The Aberdour, Dunfermline and Limekilns routes (D1-D3) will continue to be contracted by the Academy from Woods Coaches.

In addition, the school continues to contract a service from Glenrothes via Milnathort and Kinross along with a service from Perth via Auchterarder. Both services are provided with an early and late afternoon journey. First provides services from Dunblane, Stirling and Falkirk direct to the school, and Stagecoach from St Andrews via Cupar to Dollar Bridge Street.

Fares

As we reported last month the fares on the privately hired services that we contract in have remained the same for the last two years against significant increases in costs. While the tender exercise has been aimed at keeping these to a minimum, we will still have to increase these fares, to better match the costs. We will be doing this with effect from 26 October 2017.

The new fare structure will be based around a zonal system. There are 4 zones covering the current privately hired routes:

No.	Main Stops	Single Fare
Zone 1	Crook O' Devon, Dollarbeg*, Glendevon, Kinross, Muckhart, Milnathort, Oakley & Saline	£1.90
Zone 2	Cairneyhill, Carnock**, Crossford, Culross, Dunfermline, Limekilns, Low Valleyfield, Newmills & **Scotlandwell	£3.70
Zone 3	Auchterarder, Dalgety Bay, Glenrothes & Inverkeithing	£4.70
Zone 4	Aberdour & Perth	£5.60

*Dollarbeg £1.00, **Carnock and Scotlandwell £3.00

Details of the timetables and new zonal fare map for all home to school services will be available on the school website shortly.