

Dear AKS Parent / Guardian,

I am delighted to announce a change to the School Bus Service from September 2025, which will improve the overall service offered to all parents who utilise the home to school transport service. Please see the Transport Guide, which sets out all the Home to School Bus Service options that will be available to pupils.

From September 2025 AKS Lytham are partnering with Vectare, a specialist school transport software company, who are responsible for over 2 million independent school journeys per annum to improve our transport offering. One of the key benefits of Vectare is the ability to view seat availability in real time. There will be no concern about whether there will be a seat for your child on their preferred route. Through the intuitive system, you can instantly see which seats are available and make a booking accordingly. This real-time visibility ensures that you can plan your child's transportation more efficiently and avoids any last-minute issues.

Bookings for the next academic year will open on Friday 27th June, at 14:00 and can be made the dedicated transport portal at akslytham.vectare.co.uk Please note, bookings on the service are available on a first-come first-served basis, so I advise completing a booking as soon as possible. Ad hoc bookings are available, subject to availability, to accommodate any additional or last-minute transportation needs.

To make a booking on the transport portal and to view your account, please click the 'login' button in the top right-hand corner, where you can log in using your My School Portal credentials. Once logged in you will be directed back to the home page of the transport site where you can make a booking. If you are new to the school, please create a My School Portal account by going to https://akslytham.myschoolportal.co.uk/request-password and entering the e-mail address we have on record.

If you do have any feedback on the service or would like to request a new stop, please do not hesitate to contact me. Feedback is helpful for making any service improvements possible, and whilst it will not be possible for us to accommodate all parental requests and wishes, I do endeavour to make provide the best service.

May I also take this opportunity to remind anyone who doesn't currently use the school bus service that they are more than welcome to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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