

1st July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below information from Go North East, which explains how the bus travel to St Bede's will operate from September 2022, for all year groups, including Sixth Form.

We have again worked in partnership with Go North East to ensure that our families receive the best possible home to school transport service. The Local Governing Committee has heavily subsidised the overall cost to ensure that ticket prices are kept as low as possible. However, due to the rising costs of inflation and fuel there will be a small increase to the price of the bus tickets. The price structure is as follows:

Ticket Type	Price	Where To Buy
St Bede's Bus Single Fare	£2	On the bus
Go North East Day Ticket	£4.50	On the bus or on the app
St Bede's Bus Weekly Ticket	£13	On the app
Go North East Weekly Ticket	£17	On the bus or the app
St Bede's Bus Monthly Ticket	£52	On the app
Go North East Monthly Ticket	£68	On the app or the key

This flexible scheme allows you to simply pay for the travel you need, whether buying tickets for a day, a week or a month at a time. As currently, St Bede's Bus Tickets will offer students travel on the Go North East network to and from St Bede's Lanchester up to 6.00pm during term time, including on the dedicated St Bede's school buses into the school grounds. For customers who travel on Go North East services on evenings, weekends and school holidays, a range of tickets for young people is also available offering unlimited travel on all services including on St Bede's School Buses.

The tickets are available to buy on the Go North East app which, as well as providing a safe and secure platform for tickets, also offers journey planning and the ability to track all services, including school buses, in real time.

An information leaflet outlining the offer will be available to view on our website and that of Go North East at www.gonortheast.co.uk/stbedes as well as a timetable of the bus services. Please note that

the 822 service will be removed from September 22, however, the 819 will now stop at Consett Bus Station for students to use.

In addition, the Local Governing Committee has agreed to allocate additional funding to provide subsidies to families, regardless of income, who have children attending St Bede's in Main School. Please contact Mr Chapman-Ward for further information - schapman-ward@stbedes.durham.sch.uk or by telephone on 01207 520424.

From September 2022, we will provide the following subsidies for families, who have more than one child attending St Bede's. Please also refer to our website for more information.

- For families with two children who will need to pay for transport, the youngest child will pay £1.50 per day.
- For families with three children who will need to pay for transport, the youngest child will pay £1.00 per day and the middle child will pay £1.50 per day.
- For families with four children who will need to pay for transport, the youngest child will travel for free, the next child will travel for £1.00 per day; the older child will travel for £1.50 per day.

May I also remind parents of a national policy that provides extended rights to students eligible for free school meals or whose parents receive certain benefits. The policy will provide free transport to our school if all the qualifying criteria are met. If you feel that you will be entitled to this free transport as a result of this national policy, please contact the Local Authority Admissions Team on 03000 265896.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Go North East. The company has again been very responsive to our collective needs and by working in partnership we can provide a travel offer that is as affordable as possible.

Yours sincerely,