

Message for parents of fare-paying pupils on school buses

You may be aware of the new legislation brought in by the Department for Transport (DfT), which means commercial bus operators will no longer be able to offer seats to fare-paying passengers unless they provide full disabled access.

This means that as of January 1, 2020, pupils who use commercial school bus services as a fare-paying passenger will no longer be able to do so. Many of these commercial services have already been withdrawn, or will be withdrawn at the end of this term.

However some commercial services either already have buses that meet disability access requirements, or have applied for an exemption to allow them to provide a limited number of seats to fare-paying pupils. This note will clarify whether the commercial services used by your child/children are affected or unaffected, as well as providing options for pupils on affected routes.

Please be aware that this is not a decision taken by the School or by Carmarthenshire County Council.

Any decision to stop providing commercial services is a matter for each individual commercial services operator based on their ability to meet the new legislation. These changes affect all commercially provided school buses throughout the UK.

Please also note that where children live within a three-mile distance of their school, it is the parents' responsibility to arrange transport.

- Further information about school transport can be found on Carmarthenshire County Council's website www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales
- Public transport services can be checked with Traveline Cymru on 0800 464 0000 (freephone) or online at www.traveline.cymru

UNAFFECTED SERVICES

The following commercial services will continue unchanged from January:

- 243 Pensarn – QE High School, Carmarthen
- C11 Trevaughan – QE High School, Carmarthen
- C12 Trevaughan – Ysgol Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen
- L23 Swiss Valley – Ysgol y Strade, Llanelli
- L24 Sandy Road – Bryngwyn School, Llanelli
- L27 Morfa – St John Lloyd School, Llanelli

AFFECTED SERVICES

The following commercial services are affected by the legislation, and most will be withdrawn. However there are a small number of services that will be able to continue with a limited number of spare seats.

Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their children where services will be withdrawn. Walking distances and public transport options are provided below.



Bryngwyn School, Llanelli



- L20 Llangennech – Bryngwyn - limited number of spare seats available. Apply online at www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales
- L28 Maengwynne - Bryngwyn - limited number of spare seats available. Apply online at www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales

Coedcae School, Llanelli

- Operators of the L21 Sandy and Morfa - Coedcae will no longer accept fare paying passengers

OPTIONS

From Sandy
 Walking distance from Sandy Road - Coedcae: 1.8miles (approx.)
 Public bus services: From Sandy - Coedcae <ul style="list-style-type: none">• X11 from Sandy Road (7.42am) to Llanelli Bus Station (7.50am). Change to 110 from Llanelli Bus Station (8.10am) to Heol Capel Isaf (08.15am). Walk 0.4 miles to Coedcae FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel From Coedcae - Sandy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk 0.4 miles to Heol Capel Isaf. 110 from Heol Capel Isaf (3.21pm) to Llanelli Bus Station (3.25pm). Change to X11 from Llanelli Bus Station (3.35pm) to Sandy Road (3.39pm) FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel

From Morfa
 Walking distance from Morfa Junior School - Coedcae: 0.8miles (approx.)
 Public bus services: No public transport from Morfa


Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth

- Operators of the 107 Drefach - Maes Y Gwendraeth will no longer accept fare paying passengers
- Operators of the 109 Tumble - Maes Y Gwendraeth will no longer accept fare paying passengers

OPTIONS

From Drefach

 Walking distance from Drefach - Maes Y Gwendraeth: 2.4 miles (approx.)

 Public bus services:

From Drefach - Maes Y Gwendraeth


- 164 from Drefach (7.48am) to Cefneithin (7.54am)
OR
- 164 from Drefach (7.48am) to Cross Hands (7.59am)
FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel

From Maes Y Gwendraeth - Drefach

- 128 from Cross Hands (3.47pm) to Drefach (3.58pm)
OR
- 128 from Cefneithin (3.52pm) to Drefach (3.58pm)
FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel

From Tumble

 Walking distance from Tumble Hall - Maes Y Gwendraeth: 2 miles (approx.)

 Public bus services:

From Tumble - Maes Y Gwendraeth

- 129 from Tumble (7.37am) to Cross Hands (7.42am)
FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel

From Maes Y Gwendraeth - Tumble


- 128 from Cross Hands (3.47pm) to Drefach (4.05pm)
OR
- 128 from Cefneithin (3.52pm) to Drefach (4.05pm)
FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel


St John Lloyd School, Llanelli

- L18 Sandy – St John Lloyd School - limited number of spare seats available. Apply online at www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales

OPTIONS

From Sandy

 Walking distance from Sandy Road – St John Lloyd School: 2.2 miles (approx.)

 Public bus services:

From Sandy Road - St John Lloyd School

- X11 from Sandy Road (8.39am) to Llanelli Bus Station (08.45am). Change to L3 from Llanelli Bus Station (9am) to Frondeg Terrace (9.03am). Walk 0.4miles to St John Lloyd School
FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel




From St John Lloyd School - Sandy Road



- 110 from Capel Isaf (3.51pm) to Llanelli Bus Station (3.55pm). Change to X11 from Llanelli Bus Station (4.05pm) to Sandy Road (4.09pm)
FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel

Ysgol y Strade, Llanelli

- Operators of the L26 Dafen – Stradey will no longer accept fare paying passengers (although the L23 will continue to be available for pupils from Felinfoel/Thomas Arms/West End)
- Operators of the L35 Pemberton/Llwynhendy/Bryn – Stradey will no longer accept fare paying passengers

OPTIONS

From Dafen
 Walking distance from Dyfed Steel – Felinfoel (for L23 service): 1.1 miles (approx.)
 Walking distance from Dyfed Steel – Ysgol y Strade: 2.9 miles (approx.)
 Public bus services: No public transport from Dafen

From Pemberton
 Walking distance from Pemberton/Llwynhendy/Bryn – Stradey: 2.8 miles (approx.)
 Public bus services: From Pemberton/Llwynhendy/Bryn – Stradey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• X11 from Parc Trostre (7.38am) to Stradey (7.54am) FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel• 111 from Pemberton (7.40am) to Llanelli Bus Station (7.45am). Change to X11 from Llanelli Bus Station (7.50am) to Stradey (7.54am) FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel From Stradey - Pemberton/Llwynhendy/Bryn <ul style="list-style-type: none">• X11 from Stradey (3.40pm) to Llanelli Bus Station (3.45pm). Stay on for Parc Trostre, or change to 111 from Llanelli Bus Station (3.55pm) to Pemberton (4.06pm) FARE: £14.00 weekly ticket covers 7-day travel