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## ***School Transport Tendering Update 2026***

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### **Large Vehicle Tenders**

We plan to tender contracts for large vehicles in two phases this year. We anticipate the routes below to be included but the final list of contracts being tendered may vary. Details of the current stops/timings can be found at: [Bus Timings and Stops](#).

All routes detailed below will be tendered with the requirement of the digital bus pass solution being used on the service (except for Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College). Further details for the digital bus pass solution can be found at: [Digital Bus Pass Information](#)

The below are to be issued via In-Tend in February 2026 for contracts commencing April 2026:

<b>Route code</b>	<b>Expected Capacity (Subject to change)</b>	<b>School</b>
20326	19	Ashford Hill Primary School
40386	17	Awbridge Primary School
44018	53	Swanmore College
62383	56	The Hurst School
43892	35	Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College

The below are planned to be issued in March 2026 for contracts commencing September 2026. Routes are currently being reviewed and therefore number of routes and capacity requirements are subject to change:

<b>Route code</b>	<b>Current Capacity (Subject to change)</b>	<b>School</b>
62287	35	Bramley Church of England Primary School
0017a	74	Hounslow School
0021g	74	Hounslow School
62574	44	Perins School
62569	53	Perins School
62566	87	Perins School
62404	41	Robert May's School
0040B	96	Robert May's School
0040C	96	Robert May's School
0040D	96	Robert May's School
0040E	96	Robert May's School
0040F	96	Robert May's School
20292	53	Sparsholt Church of England Primary School
30005	80	Swanmore College
41389	29	The Burgate School and Sixth Form
02018	40	The Burgate School and Sixth Form
44346	77	The Henry Cort Community College
0041A	16	The Mountbatten School

0041F	53	The Mountbatten School
0041B	74	The Mountbatten School
0041C	80	The Mountbatten School
0041D	80	The Mountbatten School
0041E	80	The Mountbatten School
44252	29	Western Downland CofE Aided Primary School

### Legally Binding Bids

As detailed in the correspondence issued to all DPS Suppliers repeatedly throughout the year, please be reminded that when bidding on a tender, any price submitted by your organisation and accepted by the Council, is legally binding.

Any tender, where the winning bidder does not accept the contract, will be reviewed by the Council and a suspension from the DPS may be considered.

Instances of unsustainable pricing/abnormally low bids will also be reviewed and discussed with suppliers and the appropriate action taken to monitor any awarded contract

Collusive bidding is illegal, any suspected instances of collusion or attempts to distort the competition will be investigated and acted upon appropriately.

### Changes to Routes

All drivers on routes must follow the route in accordance with the contract specification unless agreed by the Council in writing.

Therefore, unless agreed by the Council in advance in writing, DPS Suppliers must not:

- transport passengers to any destination other than those on the specified routes (for example, to after school clubs, collecting non eligible children or collecting children from new addresses when they have moved home). If a parent/carer requests a change to an address you should report this using the [Online Contact Form](#).
- merge routes so that the route is not running in accordance with the route schedule.

There is an obligation for drivers and DPS Suppliers to inform the Council of routes where passengers no longer require transport.

**Failure to inform the Council of any of these changes may result in the Council issuing a suspension, termination notice and/or raising a credit note to recuperate all losses the Council has incurred by the DPS Supplier's actions by not informing the Council.**