

## Lurgan JHS School Transport

### Transport to and from school

A high proportion of pupils attending Lurgan JHS travel to school by bus each day. The main bus routes are:

- Bleary
- Dollingstown / Maralin
- Donaghcloney / Waringstown
- Moira / Maghaberry
- Town Centre (Aghalee, Bannfoot)

Most buses arrive in the school grounds from 8:40am to 9:00am when pupils make their way to the appropriate playground or straight into the school building. One early bus leaves pupils on the Gilford Road at 8:30am. These pupils are issued with an early pass for entry into the school building.

At 3:20pm, pupils travelling by bus make their way to the raised assembly area at the front of school and wait in an orderly manner until their bus arrives. Pupils form six separate lines and then board the buses when they arrive under the direction of their teacher. Pupils are supervised at all times by members of staff. Buses start leaving school just before 3:30pm and the final bus usually departs at 3:40-3:45pm.

Pupils on school buses are collected and returned from many different points and at varying times. For accurate details on this, in relation to specific areas, please do not hesitate to contact Translink, Craigavon on: 02838342511.

Pupils who live 3 miles or more from school are entitled to a free bus pass. These passes are issued to pupils early in September. Pupils who live under 3 miles from school can apply for a Translink Smartlink child season ticket which is very useful and avoids having to pay each day.

Lurgan JHS expects only the highest standard of conduct and behaviour from every pupil when travelling on school transport. **All Translink buses are fitted with surveillance cameras for pupil and driver safety.** Lurgan JHS staff work closely with colleagues in Translink to ensure that pupils are good ambassadors for the school and that their behaviour is always excellent. **Failure to meet acceptable standards of behaviour on buses can result in the withdrawal of a pupil's bus pass by Translink.**

### Transport for school trips

Many pupils are involved in sports' teams and also have opportunities to go on educational visits and recreational trips. Transport is always sourced with a local approved coach company though occasionally EA buses are used. Pupils who demonstrate un-regulated or unsafe behaviour in school, will jeopardise the privilege of representing the school at sporting tournaments or other such activities.