



20th June 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

### **Travelling to and from the Academy**

As we continue preparations for your child's arrival at Leigh Academy Minster, we understand that safe and efficient travel to and from the academy is a key consideration for many families. We are committed to ensuring that all students have clear guidance on their transport options.

Please see below key information on the main methods of transport for our students to and from the academy each day. It is a student and their families responsibility to ensure that they arrive on time each day in line with our academy's [times of the day](#).

#### **Travel by bus**

Students at Leigh Academy Minster benefit from two local bus companies, Chalkwell and Travelmasters, which support their journeys to and from the academy. All buses to and from the academy drop off and pick up directly outside the academy's main gate, with staff on hand to support students at the beginning and end of each day.

The information detailed below has been provided by Chalkwell and Travelmasters to share with you directly, and if there are any specific questions on their services then please contact the company directly.

**Travelmasters** offer the following services:

- 373S - Sittingbourne to LAM
- 373Q - Sheerness to LAM
- 373L - Leysdown to LAM

Please click on the link [here](#) to view the Travel Masters timetable. Travel Masters also offer an after school bus so students can attend extra-curricular clubs at the academy.

**Chalkwell** offer the following services:

- 360 - Leysdown, Warden, Eastchurch and Minster
- 361 - Rushenden and Queenborough
- 334 - Sittingbourne, Iwade, Rushenden and Queenborough

Please click on the link [here](#) to view the Chalkwell timetable: [Chalkwell timetable to and from the academy](#). These services also operate outside of academy times, so students can come and go at different times, including after they have attended extra-curricular clubs at the academy.

Chalkwell accepts Kent Travel Saver and 16+ passes, which can be purchased from Kent County Council. Chalkwell accepts cash and contactless payments. Live vehicle tracking and ticket purchases can also be done on the MyTrip app.

Both companies will be present at the Uniform Event on Thursday 10th July for you to ask more questions.

### **KCC Travel Cards**

The Kent Travel Saver team at KCC facilitates this. Applications need to be made directly by parents/ carers to them through the link [here](#).

If your child's application is successful, the travel card will be sent to the academy. The academy will notify your child when it is ready to collect and will record when your child has collected their card. It is your child's responsibility to take care of this card.

You will need to apply for this by 10th August to ensure that this is issued on your child's first day.

### **Drop off and pick up by car**

All parents/carers that drop off and collect their child each day are asked to do so using the academy's large visitors car park which can be found to the left of the academy's entrance road. Please note that it takes students around 5 minutes to walk from the carp park to the college line-up area, so please plan accordingly to ensure your child is able to make it to this area on time.

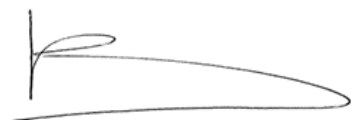
### **Cycling to and from the academy**

All students are able to use the academy bicycle racks to lock their bicycles each day at their own risk. Students are required to bring their own bike locks in. Students are not permitted to ride electric scooters to and from the academy. We also recommend all families review the [national guidance](#) on their usage. Students who fail to adhere to this expectation will have their scooter confiscated.

### **On foot**

Students who walk to the academy each day should plan their journey accordingly to ensure they are on time each day.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. M. Stevens  
**Principal for Leigh Academy Minster**