

Lochside Academy Pupil Travel Arrangements

Information for Parents – June 2018

This document provides parents with the latest information on the arrangements for pupil travel to Lochside Academy, and the work that the Council has been carrying out to ensure the arrangements are in place in time for the school opening in August 2018.

1. Bus Routes and Tickets

Please see Appendix 1 below for details of the timings and routes the buses will take. The bus services will all be operated by First Aberdeen and will serve all existing bus stops along these routes. Officers are also looking at the possibility of installing some additional stops at the southern end of Walker Road and western end of Balnagask Road.

Outwith school times, pupils will be able to utilise services 3 and 18 to travel between home and school on their respective routes.

Bus Pass for pupils in Torry and Kincorth

The school bus pass will be valid on the following services: 3/3A/3G, 18, 22, 31, 181, 182 and 183. Please note that the services 12, 17, 20, 21 and 59 are not included on the school transport pass and will not be accepted.

The bus pass will be operated via pupils' Accord Card, and this requires a Smart Travelcard product to be uploaded to pupils' Accord cards. For pupils currently in S1 to S5 who already have an Accord Card, details of the arrangements for adding the product to these cards is being issued to parents separately. For current P7 pupils moving to Lochside in August, new Accord cards are being issued to these pupils with the Smart Travelcard pre-loaded onto them.

Purchasing bus tickets for pupils in Cove

For children travelling to school by bus from Cove, any tickets will need to be purchased from First Aberdeen and there is the option to do this at the Travelshop, online or via M-Ticketing.

Further Information

Officers are in the process of preparing the bus route information and timetables in an easy-to-read format, along with further guidance on the use of the Smart Travelcard, and which services are the most accessible for each individual postcode area. This information will be placed on the Lochside Academy website as soon as it is available.

2. Road and Footpath Improvements

A number of improvements have been carried out over recent weeks to the roads and pavements in the vicinity of the new school. These include:

Redmoss Road Footway & Street Lighting

Work to install lighting in Redmoss Road are nearing completion and will be in place prior to the school opening. A Prohibition of Driving on Redmoss Road adjacent to the school site now applies, and for the remainder of the road a mandatory 20mph zone and no-waiting restrictions will be in place prior to the school opening. City Wardens will be patrolling the area in advance of the school opening to help enforce the new restrictions.

New toucan crossing on Wellington Road

Work on this new pedestrian crossing just south of the Souterhead roundabout is almost complete. Part-time 20mph speed limit signs on Wellington Road on the approach to the crossing, which will be in operation at the beginning and end of every school day, are to be installed in time for the school opening. The phasing of the signals between Souterhead roundabout and Charleston will also be synchronised to work in conjunction with the new crossing, as part of the overall traffic management within the area. Appropriate signage will be installed on each approach to Souterhead roundabout to advise of the new crossing.

Wellington Circle Restrictions

Wellington Circle will become a mandatory 20mph zone, with parking restrictions in place. Advisory cycle lanes will be installed on the approach road to the school.

New toucan crossing on Earns Heugh Road

Construction of a new pedestrian crossing on Earns Heugh Road, near to its junction with Langdykes Road, is also nearing completion.

Charleston Drive to Charleston Crescent Footpath & Lighting

Detailed designs for a new footpath to run between these roads is currently in progress, and work will be completed prior to the school opening.

South Loirston Road Drainage & Lighting

The street lighting design on this road is to be upgraded and the design work for this has been completed, with the aim to have the work completed prior to the school opening. Discussions are ongoing to find a solution to the flooding issues on this road.

Appendix 1 – Bus Routes

Leggart – For school start/finish times pupils can utilise service 22A travelling directly between Lochside and Leggart. Outwith these times pupils can utilise the service 18.

Kincorth – For school start/finish times pupils can utilise services 181,182 and 183 travelling directly between Lochside and Kincorth. Outwith these times pupils can utilise the service 18.

Torry – For school start/finish times pupils can utilise service 31 or 22C travelling directly between Lochside and Torry. Outwith these times pupils can utilise the service 3/3A/3G.

Balnagask – For school start/finish times pupils can utilise service 22A, B or C travelling directly between Lochside and Balnagask. Outwith these times pupils can utilise the service 3/3A/3G.

Cove/Charleston – For school start/finish times pupils can utilise service 21A or B travelling directly between Lochside and Cove/Charleston. Outwith these times pupils can utilise the services 3/3A/3G and 18.

Bus Services

Service 3

For timetables for this service please visit: www.firstgroup.com/aberdeen

Mastrick – Cove

Victoria Rd, Menzies Rd, Craig Pl, Wellington Rd, Langdykes Rd, Loirston Rd, Cove Rd

Cove – Mastrick

Cove Rd, Cove Cres, Cove Rd, Earns Heugh Rd, Loirston Ave, Loirston Rd, Langdykes Rd, Wellington Rd, Craig Pl, Menzies Rd, Victoria Rd

Service 3A

Mastrick - Cove

Victoria Rd, Menzies Rd, Craig Pl, Wellington Rd, Hareness Rd, HarenessPI, Hareness Rd, Coast Rd, Langdykes Rd, Loirston Rd, Cove Rd.

Service 3G

Mastrick – Cove

Victoria Rd, Menzies Rd, Craig Pl, Wellington Rd, Langdykes Rd, Loirston Rd, Cove Rd, Cove Cres, Cove Rd, Charleston Dr, Cove Rd, old Wellington Rd, Gateway Business Park (Gateway Drive).

Altens – Mastrick

Gateway Business Park (Gateway Drive), Gateway Dr, old Wellington Rd, Cove Rd, Charleston Dr, Wellington Rd, Craig Pl, Menzies Rd, Victoria Rd

Service 31 (school days only)

Departing Victoria Bridge at 08:00 and 08:05 AM, and two services departing Lochside Academy 5 minutes after school finish time.

Mastrick - Cove

Victoria Rd, Grampian Rd, Grampian Pl, Walker Rd, Polwarth Rd, Wellington Rd, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy.

Cove – Mastrick

Lochside Academy (Wellington Circle), Wellington circle, Wellington Rd, Polwarth Rd, Walker Road, Victoria Rd

Service 18

For timetables for this service please visit: www.firstgroup.com/aberdeen

Cove - Dyce

Wellington Rd adj Newlands Crescent, Wellington Rd, Charleston Rd North, Charleston Rd, Cove Rd, Earns Hugh Rd, Loirston Ave, Loirston Rd, Langsdykes Rd, Wellington Rd, West Tullos Rd, Redmoss Rd, Abbotswell Cr, Arbroath Way, Provost Watt Dr, Great Southern Rd, Holburn St

Cove – Dyce (Altens Variation)

Wellington Rd adj Newlands Crescent, Wellington Rd, Charleston Rd North, Charleston Rd, Cove Rd, Earns Hugh Rd, Loirston Ave, Loirston Rd, Langsdykes Rd, Souterhead Rd, Blackness Rd, Hareness Rd, Haerness Pl, Hareness Rd, Minto Rd, Minto Dr, Minto Rd, Hareness Rd, West Tullos Rd, Redmoss Rd, Abbotswell Cr, Arbroath Way, Provost Watt Dr, Great Southern Rd, Holburn St

Dyce – Cove

Holburn St, Great Southern Rd, Provost Watt Dr, Arbroath Way, Abbotswell Crescent, Redmoss Rd, West Tullos Rd, Wellington Rd, Langsdykes Rd, Loirston Rd, Loirston Ave, Earnshugh Rd, Cove Rd, Charleston Rd, Charleston Rd North, Wellington Rd, Wellington Rd adj Newlands Crescent

Dyce – Cove (Altens Variation)

Holburn St, Great Southern Rd, Provost Watt Dr and Arbroath Way to Abbotswell Crescent, Redmoss Rd, Hareness Rd, Minto Ave, Minto Dr, Minto Rd, Harness Pl, Hareness Rd, Blackness Rd, Souter Head Rd and Wellington Rd to (Charleston terminus on Wellington Rd adj Newlands Crescent)

Service 181 (school days only)

Departing Gardner Dr at 08:06 AM, and departing Lochside Academy 5 minutes after school finish time.

Lochside Academy – Faulds Gate

Lochside Academy, Wellington Circle, Wellington Rd, West Tullos Rd, Redmoss Rd, Abbotswell Cres, Arbroath Way, Cairngorm Dr, Gardner Dr, Faulds Gate

Faulds Gate – Lochside Academy

Great Southern Rd, Stonehaven Rd, Nigg Way, Gardner Dr, Cairngorm Dr, Arbroath Way, Abbotswells Cres, Redmoss Rd, West Tullos Rd, Wellington Rd, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy (Wellington Circle)

Service 182 (school days only)

Departing Faulds Gate at 08:11 AM and departing Lochside Academy 5 minutes after school finish time.

Lochside Academy – Provost Watt Drive

Lochside Academy (Wellington Circle), Wellington Circle, Wellington Rd, West Tullos Rd, Redmoss Rd, Abbotswell Cres, Arbroath Way, Cairngorm Dr, Faulds Gate, Provost Watt Dr

Provost Watt Drive – Lochside Academy

Great Southern Rd, Provost Watt, Dr, Faulds Gate, Cairngorm Dr, Arbroath Way, Abbotswell Cres, Redmoss Rd, West Tullos Rd, Wellington Rd, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy (Wellington Circle).

Service 183 (school days only)

Departing Kincorth Shops at 08:09 AM and departing Lochside Academy 5 minutes after school finish time.

Lochside Academy – Union Street

Lochside Academy (Wellington Circle), Wellington Cr, Wellington Road, Charleston Rd North, Charleston Rd, Cove Rd, Earns Hugh Rd, Loirston Ave, Loirston Rd, Langsdykes Rd, Wellington Rd, West Tullos Rd, Redmoss Rd, Abbotswell Cr, Arbroath Way, Provost Watt Dr, Great Southern Rd, Holburn St

Union Street – Lochside Academy

Great Southern Rd, Provost Watt Dr, Arbroath Way, Abbotswell Crescent, Redmoss Rd, West Tullos Rd, Wellington Rd and Wellington Circle to Lochside Academy (Wellington Circle).

Service 21A (school days only)

Departing Charleston Drive at 08:09 AM and departing Lochside Academy 5 minutes after school finish time.

Cove – Lochside Academy

Charleston Drive, Cove Road, Charleston Road, Charleston Road North, Wellington Road, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy

Lochside Academy – Cove

Lochside Academy, Wellington Circle, Wellington Road, Charleston Road North, Charleston Road, Cove Road, Charleston Drive

Service 21B (school days only)

Departing Cove Road at 08:13 AM and departing Lochside Academy 5 minutes after school finish time.

Loirston Road – Lochside Academy

Loirston Road, Cove Road, Earns Heugh Road, Loirston Avenue, Loirston Road, Langdykes Road, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy

Lochside Academy – Loirston Road

Lochside Academy, Wellington Circle, Langdykes Road, Loirston Road, Loirston Avenue, Earns Heugh Road, Cove Road, Loirston Road

Service 22A (school days only)

Departing Leggart Terrace at 07:40 AM, via Balnagask Circle at 08:00 AM, and departing Lochside Academy 5 and 10 minutes after school finish time.

Leggart Terrace – Lochside Academy

Leggart Terrace, Great Southern Road, West Tullos Road, Abbotswell Road, Wellington Road, Girdleness Road, Balnagask Road, Balnagask Circle, Girdleness Road, Wellington Road, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy

Lochside Academy – Leggart Terrace

Lochside Academy, Wellington Circle, Wellington Road, Girdleness Road, Balnagask Circle, Balnagask Road, Girdleness Road, Wellington Road, Abbotswell Road, West Tullos Road, Great Southern Road, Leggart Terrace

Service 22B (school days only & AM only)

Departing Balnagask Circle at 07:55 AM.

Balnagask Circle – Lochside Academy

Balnagask Circle, Girdleness Road, Wellington Road, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy

Service 22C (school days only)

Departing Victoria Road at 07:50 AM and 07:55 AM, via Balnagask Road at 07:55 AM and 08:00 AM, and departing Lochside Academy 5 and 10 minutes after school finish time.

Victoria Road – Lochside Academy

Victoria Road (at Mansefield Road), St Fitticks Road, Balnagask Road, Wellington Road, Wellington Circle, Lochside Academy

Lochside Academy – Victoria Road

Lochside Academy, Wellington Circle, Wellington Road, Balnagask Road, St Fitticks Road, Victoria Road (at Mansefield Road)