



### **ADVICE ON HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Many pupils walk to school if they live close by. The school also provides cycle racks for use by pupils who are able to cycle to school. Many pupils travelling from Maidenhead or Bourne End use the train (contact First Great Western for times and prices). Please encourage your son or daughter to walk or cycle to school, if it is practical to do so, or arrange a parental car share if possible.

Bucks County Council's school transport policy can be accessed via the LA website on <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> and searching under home to school transport. The reality, unfortunately, is that local authorities (including Bucks) have cut virtually all home-school transport services. The only county-run service to Borlase is the 874 that serves the Skirmett, Fingest, Frieth, Bovington Green route. Students travelling to school along the Henley-Marlow road may choose to use the Arriva 800/850 service. This is a busy public bus, however. If the bus is full it will not stop to pick up additional passengers. Private bus companies have shown an interest in filling the gap left by the withdrawal of provision from the council. For example, [SwanRider](#) provide a bus service from Maidenhead to Borlase.

From September 2023, if there is demand, the Operations Director at Borlase may be able to act as a 'broker' between parents and bus companies to try to commission a commercial bus service. We attempted to commission a bus service between the Stokenchurch area and Marlow (via Cadmore End, Lane End) in 2022, but there was not sufficient uptake to make it commercially viable. If you wish to explore this option further, please contact the school with your enquiry for the attention of the Operations Director, Mr Mike Bourton.