



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

TO: Parents and Students on Bus 16-19
FROM: Transportation Department
SUBJECT: Change of Bus Number & Stop Times
Effective: Monday, October 2, 2017

At the September Board of Education meeting, the board approved adding another route to our bus fleet. This addition is directly related to Bus 16-19. In our daily operations, we monitor bus loads for our whole fleet and have noted that the average student load for Bus 16-19 is in the mid-50s with a spike above 60 on occasions. The numbers of students on the days where the load is high, the early pickup times in the morning, and the growth of the community prompted the board to closely evaluate the possibility of an additional route in the Ballantrae area. Additionally, our analysis indicates that we may see the numbers of students riding the bus increase after football season when players and band students don't practice daily.

Adding a route is a large investment, and we are constantly balancing our spending to provide for student needs inside and outside the classroom. While adding the bus and new route will significantly decrease the numbers of students on each bus, it's important for us to be efficient in our transportation costs. We can't justify running buses that are only half full, so we hope that the shorter route times and the decreased numbers of students on the bus will encourage families who may not currently be riding to use our school transportation. Our plan is to add another route beginning Monday, October 2 and continue to monitor the number of students riding the buses. We hope to see enough students riding the buses to justify keeping the additional route. Please help us communicate this change with your neighbors who may not currently be riding the bus.

Please review the information on the back of this page for information from the transportation department that details the changes in bus numbers and pickup/drop off times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools

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The bus number and stop times will change for students currently riding Bus 16-19 to bus 05-37. See below for new bus stop times. This change will go into effect on Monday, October 2, 2017. Please remember to have your child ready at least 5 minutes prior to estimated time of arrival.

Bus Stop Location	A.M. Pickup Times	P.M. Drop Off Times
Ballantrae Rd & Kirkwall Cir	6:25	3:54
Ballantrae Rd 320	6:26	3:53
Ballantrae Rd 306	6:27	3:52
Perthshire Rd & Perthshire Way & Perthshire Cv	6:31	3:59
Ballantrae Club Dr & Dunrobin Ln	6:32	3:58
Strathaven Dr & Easdale	6:35	3:57
Strathaven Ln & Easdale Ln/Kensiton	6:36	3:56
Ballantrae Club Dr 1457	6:37	3:50
Ballantrae Club Dr 1449	6:38	3:49
Kilkerran Ln 116	6:40	3:45
Kilkerran Ln & Glen Iris Cir	6:41	3:46
Ballantrae Club Dr & Glengerry	6:46	3:42
Roundabout @ Haddington Dale	6:47	3:40

If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to call me at 205.624.3700.

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Thomas Dunaway
Transportation Supervisor
Pelham City Schools



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There will be a change in some afternoon bus stop times on the western side of the Ballantrae Parkway roundabout, and bus number 16-19 will still serve the following stops. See below for bus stop and bus stop times. This will go into effect on Monday, October 2, 2017. Please remember to have your child ready at least 5 minutes prior to estimate time of arrival.

Bus Stop Location	A.M. Pickup Times	P.M. Drop Off Times
Stoneykirk Rd 1020		3:40
Stoneykirk Rd 1025	6:25	3:41
Stoneykirk Ln 1092	6:26	3:42
Stoneykirk Rd & Weybridge	6:32	3:43
Stoneykirk Rd 1480	6:31	3:46
Stoneykirk Ln & Stoneykirk Way	6:32	3:47
Stoneykirk Rd 1465	6:33	3:45
Stoneykirk Rd 1417	6:34	3:44
Calliston Way 1308	6:35	3:50
Calliston Way 1320	6:36	3:51
Calliston Way 1347	6:37	3:52
Calliston Way 1355	6:38	3:53
Ballantrae Pwky 813	6:40	3:38
Ballantrae Pwky 848	6:41	3:39
Ballantrae Pkwy & Lauchlin Ln	6:42	3:37
Weatherly Club Dr & Cove Ln	6:43	3:36

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