

St John Bosco Catholic Primary School, Sunderland
Further information for Years 1-6

Can I take my child straight to Gabriel House at St Anthony's to be registered there?

No. All pupils must be dropped off and collected from St John Bosco school for safeguarding reasons. All staff will be accompanying children on the buses to ensure their safety and a smooth entry into school. This means that their teaching staff will not be at Gabriel House to admit them.

What time does my child need to be at St John Bosco Catholic Primary School on a morning?

We would like all children lined up in their classes on the school yard at 8:45am. Members of staff will be there to greet them and guide them to where they need to go. We will then take a register, which is a legal requirement and helps us safeguard the children.

How long will my child be on the bus for?

This ultimately depends on traffic, but according to Google Directions states the journey time is 12 minutes. (4.4 miles)

Will my child be missing valuable education time?

Taking into consideration the 12-minute journey time, with us leaving at 9am, starting learning at 9:15 am and returning at 3:45pm, in theory any difference is negligible. In fact, they may be gaining a few minutes!

What is the departure time from Gabriel House?

We will board the buses by 3:30pm with a view to being back at school at around 3:45pm (traffic dependent)

My child is worried about travelling by bus.

Positivity is the key here. All the teachers are very excited to meet with their new classes and embark on a new adventure. We will do our absolute best to alleviate any concerns the children may have. They will always be accompanied by their friends and our own staff.

What if we are late and miss the bus?

You will need to make your own transport arrangements to bring your child to Gabriel House. Please contact us via telephone to let us know that you are coming so that we can open gates etc. and be mindful the parking around the site is very limited.

Can my child travel to the school on their scooter/ bike?

No, in the short term, we firstly cannot guarantee their safety and security and secondly, collecting the bikes and scooters could aid in the congestion on exit and entry to the school.

What can I do to help?

- Park away from the school to ensure safe passage for the five coaches that will be trying to get down the streets in front of the school. We are liaising with Traffic management and Road Safety to support and monitor this.
- Follow the same exit arrangements as per normal school practice, line up in front of the school and staff will line the children up for a safe handover, this will be done as soon as the bus returns to the school. We ask for your patience as this is a huge task, but the priority must be a safe and controlled hand over to protect all children. We ask that the one-way system be followed to help us enter children into the school safely and free from crowds.
- Dress your child in suitable clothing for all weathers.
- Have your child's medicine labelled and ready to hand over to the member of staff on the gate.
- Explain to your child that they may be using a portable toilet in the short term, however staff will assist them with this.
- Ensure your child has their packed lunch and water bottle ready for the day ahead.
- In preparation for a new way of working, please discuss what your child's day will look like, in advance of them attending on Thursday.