



Transport Update

FirstGroup Buses

First Group have confirmed the capacities below for Dollar Academy pupils on their busses. On all services there will be a limited number of seats set aside for members of the public (a minimum of 4 seats, 2 double seats). Once these seats are full, members of the public will not be able to board the bus. All other seating on the bus will be for pupils. Pupils are reminded to wear a face covering and to leave the windows open. Due to social distancing and the capacity restrictions in place, please do not plan to travel with your children on a school bus route.

Capacities

Mornings:

Route No.	Route	No. of Buses	Pupils that can be carried
324	Bannockburn/Stirling	2	136
325/326	Dunblane	1	76
391	Falkirk	1	60++

Afternoons: Dollar Academy is the first stop on all routes, therefore all busses will have 100% capacity.

Cupar Route

Due to the uncertain future of the 23 Stagecoach service the school has contracted Hunters Executive Coaches to provide a trial service between Cupar and Dollar Academy. This service will start on Thursday 20th August 2020. A timetable will be on the school website. Please be waiting at the stop 5 minutes before the set pick up time and ensure you are clearly visible to the driver. Those travelling to/from Kinross and Milnathort will now need to purchase zone 2 tickets.

The proposed route structure will be as follows:

Morning:	Cupar to Dollar Academy	
15:35 departure:	Dollar Academy to Cupar	
17:15 departure:	Dollar Academy – Kinross PnR Kinross PnR - Cupar	Pupils travelling between Strathmilgo and Cupar will need to travel on the Glenrothes service to Kinross PnR and change for the remainder of their journey. Tickets will be transferable between services.

Dunfermline Route

For the first few days of term an additional coach will be available in the afternoon at 15:35 to ensure there is capacity to carry pupils home. The 17:15 service will still operate for those pupils taking co-curricular activities.

Ticket prices for School Coaches and Digital ticketing

Pupils will start the term using paper tickets. Any tickets left over from the Spring term will still be valid. If pupils do not have tickets they need to order and then collect them from Mrs Simpson in the reprographics office in the Playfair building.

Please note that there will be a 5% increase in ticket prices for the coach services operated by the school from the start of session.

Table below illustrates ticket charge per journey from last year "Current" and the price with a 5% increase "New"

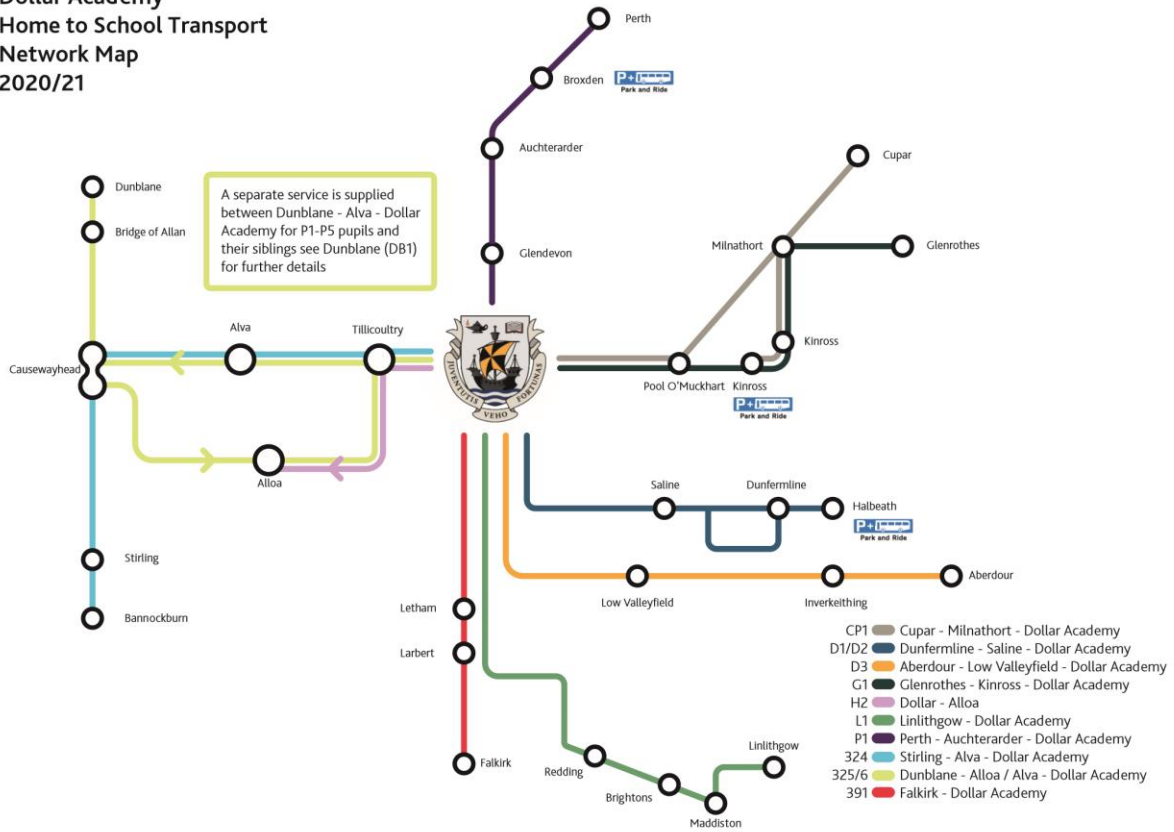
Zone	Current	New
1	£2.05	£2.15
2	£4.10	£4.30
3	£5.15	£5.40
4	£6.20	£6.50
Prepbus	£5.60	£5.85

Pupils must pass a ticket to the driver when they board a coach.

A digital ticket system will be phased in during the Autumn term. This system will enable pupils to be scanned on and off a coach using their wristband for the school's secure door system. There will also be an associated App that will allow both pupils and their parents to manage journeys and track the coach in real time. You will also be able to receive a notification to confirm when your child boards and disembarks the coach.

More details on the digital ticketing system will follow in September.

**Dollar Academy
Home to School Transport
Network Map
2020/21**



Guidance for travelling to and from Dollar Academy

For those travelling on buses and coaches to the Academy, please adhere to the following guidance:

- Physical distancing measures are not mandatory on school transport, but please be sensitive to those around you. If you can spread out, please do;
- Remember to wear a mask or face covering;
- Prior to boarding and after alighting, pupils should wash or sanitise their hands, hand sanitisers will be available on coaches;
- Bus and coach operators will undertake regular and thorough cleaning, sanitising of surfaces, door handles and seatbelts;
- Drivers will be asked to open vehicle windows slightly to improve ventilation;
- No food or drink should be consumed in a school coach or public bus;