



Transport and Travel Arrangements for Boarders at RGS, High Wycombe

Guide to expectations between Boarding, Carers/Parents and Educational Guardians and the boarders themselves.

Transport to and from Boarding

At Fraser Youens we take the safeguarding and therefore travel arrangements of our boarders very seriously and it is important we are aware of where our boarders are and how they travel to and from boarding. It is therefore imperative that if travel arrangements are non-routine and another adult is collecting a boarder we would expect written confirmation regarding this.

Normal weekends and weekday transport collection and drop off.

It is expected that weekly boarders are transported to and from boarding by parents/carers or those designated by parents/carers until the boarder is of an age to make that journey safely. Normally we would deem this to be around Year 10 but we would expect that to be a conversation between parents and boarding and will depend upon length of travel and type of transport (e.g. walking to a home nearby would be totally different). Parental/carer drop off also allows for any discussions to take place with key boarding staff and parents/carer and boarder. Whilst we understand that Boarders might car share where appropriate, it is also important that parents/carers are involved in the collection and drop off when possible. We do encourage parents (particularly of those in the younger years) to briefly visit their son's dorms at a drop off or pick up. If Boarders are being collected by someone other than their parent/guardian we would expect to have written notification of this.

Travel during the week for external clubs and activities.

We are very happy for boarders to go out to activities or clubs once a week but the transport will need to be provided by parents/carers/guardians. **Reminder** - Parental permission is required for boarders to travel in cars other than those driven by their parent/guardian.

Boarders travelling in cars other than their parents/guardians.

Parental permission is required for boarders to travel in other adult's cars or indeed cars belonging to a boarder. This permission can be very specific to an activity or particular event or can be more general in nature if for example a parent is happy for a sixth form boarder to travel in another student's car then written permission needs to be provided.

At the end of term/half term.

We would hope that this would be an opportunity whereby many parents are able to collect and drop off. Particularly at the beginning or end of term. Please be aware of the timing at the end of terms/half terms for RGS and closing and reopening time of the boarding house.

Driving and Sixth Formers

Once 6th formers have passed their driving test they may drive to and from boarding and carry fellow 6th form passengers. This does require written parental permission for both those driving and those being carried as passengers.

We would not expect students below sixth form age to be travelling in a sixth former's car (unless it is a sibling or there is a particular written agreement in place by all parties).

Full Boarders travel and transport to and from airports or travel connections.

Full Boarders travel to and from home or to a guardian, at exeat weekends and or half term and end of term holidays are the responsibility of the parent/carer. This may be designated to an Educational Guardian. Dependent upon age it may be that a boarder makes his own way to and from boarding e.g, to an airport. Boarding can provide students with letters if travelling abroad, which may support the student at a point of entry or exit to a country. Whilst the boarding house staff may help individual boarders to organise transport to and from an airport or point of international travel this responsibility ultimately lies with the parent.

Temporary Illness and travel

All of the above travel arrangements are also in place were a boarder is ill and needs to either return home or to their guardians.

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