

Habs Hubs Coach Service for Reception – Year 2 Pupils

Habs Elstree Schools are very pleased to announce, from September 2025, Reception pupils upwards will be able to access the Habs coach network via Habs Hub stops. Habs Hub stops will be confirmed in the summer term and will be selected based on criteria including geographic demand from incoming and existing pupils and availability of travelling staff members.

During the launch phase, there will not be Habs Hub stops on every route, however we can confirm there will be Habs Hub stops spread across the network, with the aim of a hub stop being within easy access for all of our families.

The Habs Hub service will be under constant review both with families and staff to ensure the service meets required service and safety standards we expect of our coach service. Another aspect of the review will be scope and coverage of the service.

The Habs Hubs will ensure our youngest pupils have adult supervision for the duration of their coach journey and will also take into account parking availability for parents and guardians to aid drop-off and pick-up. The full Habs Hubs service detail and parental guidance will be shared in the Summer Term.

Please note:

- Reception to Year 2 pupils will be able to travel to and from Habs Hubs on the morning and 4.15 afternoon coach services (i.e.: they will *not* be able to travel on the 5.30 late afternoon service).
- For safety reasons, permission to use the Habs Hub service is at the discretion of the Head of Boys' Prep School, Head of Girls' Junior School.
- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework dictate the standards which must be met for pupils under Habs care. These standards form the foundation for Habs coach provision for Reception to Year 2. The standard for pupils in Reception are markedly different to those for pupils in Year 1 and Year 2, particularly in regard to ratios of adult supervision.
- The wellbeing and safety of our pupils is paramount and combined with the EYFS regulatory requirements Habs must adhere to, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils will always be prioritised over parent convenience.
- This may mean, in exceptional circumstances, we are unable to provide the coach service for Reception children. Examples might include staff absence due to supporting trips, parent/teacher evenings, illness etc. Our intention will always be to source alternative cover, but this may not always be possible. You will be advised of the process around this in the Summer Term.
- Seat belt adapters are strongly recommended for use by Reception to Year 2 pupils travelling on coaches. These will need to be sourced by the pupil's family.
- You may choose to provide a booster seat for your child. There will be storage available at the coach park to leave during the day. Full car seats cannot be used.



ISO-FIX points are not available on the coaches and children will be unable to carry them on and off the coach.

- A parent or individual explicitly named by a parent or carer will need to be with the pupil until they board the coach and must be at the Habs Hub to collect them. Direct arrangements may be available to families of pupils with siblings in the older senior year groups.
- The [Habs Coach Service Code of Conduct](#) will apply at all times (please note this will be updated to support the Habs Hubs service for the Summer Term).
- There will be an administrative surcharge above standard coach fares for Reception to Year 2 pupils. This will be confirmed in the Summer Term.
- For Reception pupils, the Habs Hub service will commence the second week of the Autumn term. This is to allow pupils time to settle into their new school and gives the opportunity for pupils to be introduced to fellow passengers.

We appreciate you may have questions following the above information. Further details will be released as they are confirmed. Please accept our assurances parents and staff will be consulted and informed during the development of the service.