

Friday 23 May 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## LittleHabs Routes LH01 and LH02 and the New Hub Service

Following our letter on Wednesday, 21 May, we are pleased to confirm the travel arrangements available to families currently using the LittleHabs service.

We are delighted to announce that from September 2025, the Habs Hub service will be available to all students in Reception to Year 2 on two existing home-to-school routes.

The two routes and their stops are as follows:

Route (AM/PM)	Stop Name	AM Time	16:15 Estimated Time
F03 / FF03	Southgate Cherry Tree	07:15	17:05
	Hampden Square Osidge Lane	07:20	17:00
	Osidge St Mary's Church	07:23	16:57
	New Barnet Station	07:30	16:50
	High Barnet Station	07:35	16:45
F04 / FF04	Chalk Farm Station	07:15	17:11
	Belsize Park	07:18	17:08
	Whitestone Pond	07:25	16:59
	HGS Market Place	07:35	16:49

The Habs Hubs initiative is being introduced across a number of routes across our network, with selected stops made available to our youngest students. While our long-term goal is to open all stops to all year groups, this will take time because of the complexities involved. As such, we are implementing a staged rollout to ensure safety and compliance.

We have been able to fast-track these two routes due to the number of current LittleHabs passengers and the high safety standards already in place. This also allows us to assign a dedicated full-time passenger assistant to each route shown above, ensuring compliance with EYFS regulations.

The new Hub service will begin on **Monday, 15 September 2025**. We are intentionally starting in the second week of term to give new students time to settle into school life.

All Habs families will receive information on how to request tickets for coach travel from September 2025 in the second half of the Summer Term.

Parental feedback from LittleHabs families has strongly supported integrating younger students into the main coach service. This approach offers a more streamlined experience



for families with children in multiple year groups and provides a more economical fare structure.

We appreciate this is a change to the current service offering and we also recognise there will be some families that are very happy with the current LittleHabs service and will wish for it to continue. Due to the number of families transitioning to the new Hub service, continuing the current LittleHabs routes would require a significant fare increase. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to retire the LittleHabs service at the end of the Summer Term 2025.

We are just as committed to passenger safety and student care on the new Hubs service that we have ensured is in place on the LittleHabs service.

We appreciate your patience and continued support as we work to expand and improve travel options for our youngest students. We will keep all Habs families updated as the Hub service develops.

Yours faithfully,

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