

Getting To and From School

In the morning it is your responsibility to be at the right bus stop at the right time according to the bus route schedule.

Arriving to school on time is really important. If the bus is late it is not your fault, but if you miss the bus - especially if you make a habit of it - you are responsible.

For those getting a School Bus, we expect pupils to sit still and travel safely. If you are unhappy about anyone's behaviour on your bus, tell your form teacher or ask your parents to phone the school.

Parents/Carers—for more information and bus timetables please see [Lancashire County Council's Website](#)

When you arrive at School

Some of you will arrive on a School bus, others will be dropped off outside School and there are some who live close enough to walk to St Augustine's.

If you arrive on a **School Bus**, you will be dropped off at the Turning Circle. From here you can make your way to the yards, or the Al Fresco area until the bell goes for registration, where you will make your way to your Form Room.

If you are **dropped off**, we ask that you are dropped off on Whalley Road. You can then enter the school grounds through the top gate, and make your way to the yards or Al Fresco area until the bell goes for registration.

If you live close enough to **walk to school**, you should enter the school grounds via the top gate and make your way to the yards or Al Fresco area until the bell goes for registration.

If you arrive in school early you are able to sit inside the dining room however, you need to be outside by half past eight.

On your First Day, you will need to make your way to the Top Yard.

What should I do if my bus doesn't turn up?

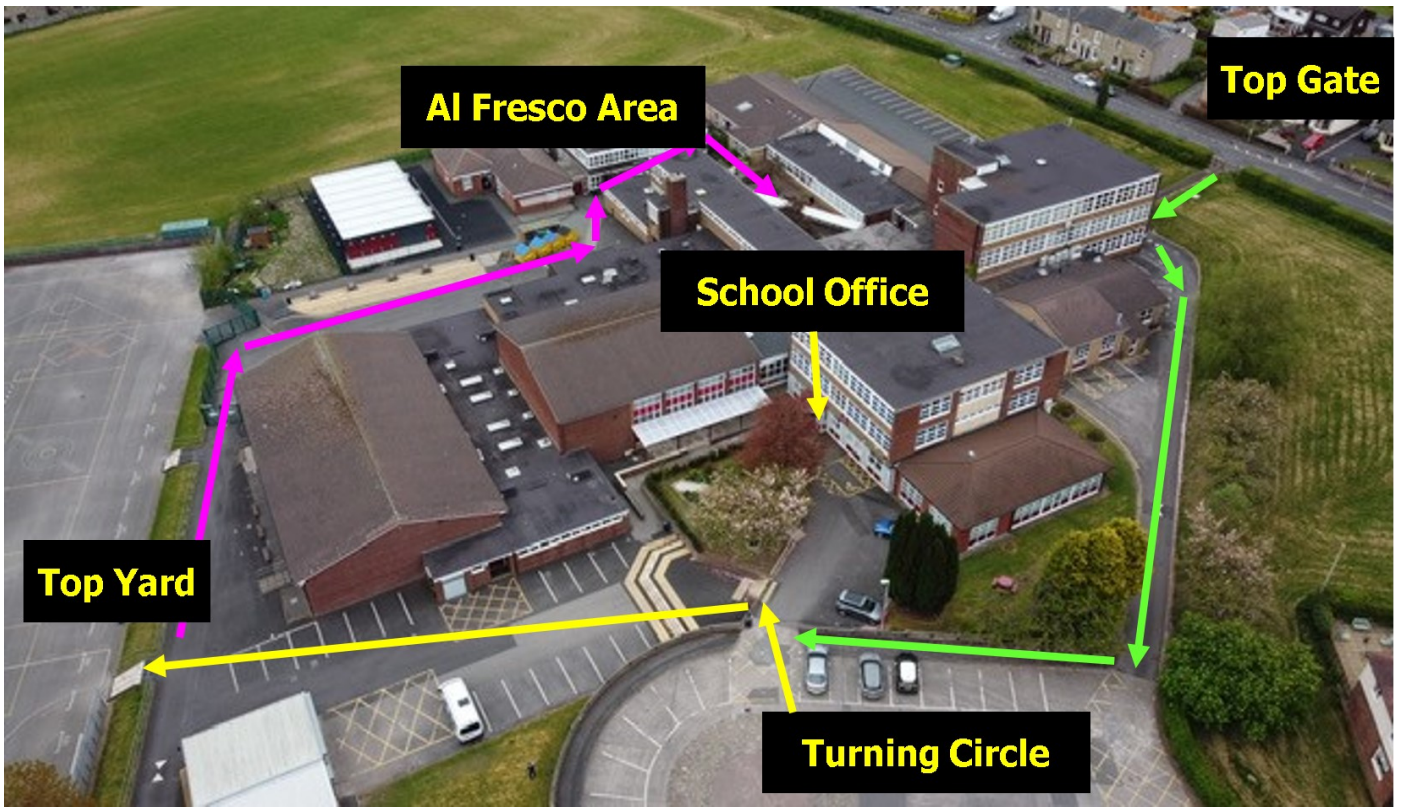
If your bus doesn't turn up, school will realise this fairly quickly after 8.45 am. So don't panic! Remember, if a bus hasn't come for you, it hasn't picked up any of the other pupils along the same route either. Here's what you should do:

1. If your bus doesn't arrive on time, wait for at least another 15 minutes.
2. If there are only a few of you, one of the older pupils should phone school for instructions. The rest of you should wait at the bus stop until this person gets through to school and is given advice on what to do next. [Put our number into your mobile phone: 01254 823362]
3. If you can't get through to school and the bus still hasn't arrived, return to your own home or to the home of a close relative or neighbour who is trusted by your parents and who they have said that it is safe for you to go back to.
4. Only go to another pupil's house if you can't get back inside your own home or if you can't go to a close relative or a trusted neighbour whose name your parent has given you. Whichever house you go to, phone your parents to tell them where you are and what the problem is. Phone school as well to let us know where you are.
5. You must not go back to your own home or to anybody else's house without phoning school to let us know where you are. This is truanting. If you have gone to another pupil's house, and we don't know about it, you could cause real anxiety to your parents who may ring the school to see if you have arrived safely.
6. Walking to school: Please discuss this option with your parents and follow their advice at all times. If there are problems with buses, they'll know better than the teachers whether you are safe to walk to school. Our advice is that lower school pupils [Years 7, 8 and 9] should not walk to school unless they live nearby. Upper school students [Years 10 and 11], who have their parents' permission to walk to school, should use their common sense.

Leaving School at the End of the Day

When the bell goes at the end of Period Five, where you go will depend on how you are getting home.

- If you are walking home or being picked up you will leave school through the Top Gate.
- If you are catching a service bus (a non-school bus) you will leave school through the Top Gate and catch your bus on Whalley Road.
- If you are catching a School Bus you will go to the Top Yard, where each Bus Number is displayed. Check to see if your bus is in until heading to the turning circle, This is where you will join the queue for your bus. You will probably be travelling with lots of other children from your primary school, so it is a good chance to sit with friends and chat.
- On your first day at St Augustine's you will be taken down to the Top Yard to show you where to queue up for your bus.



Only enter school via the main office if you are arriving late.