

Dear parents/carers,

Sending on behalf of Southern Vectis regarding changes to Routes 51 and 57 from Monday 2nd June 2025:

Southern Vectis have informed us of upcoming timetable and route changes, some of which are related to reliability improvements, while others reflect recent business reviews to ensure the continued viability of their commercially operated school routes. These services are not run under contract with the Isle of Wight Council, and the changes have been shared with and not objected to by the Council. The changes have now been formally registered with the Traffic Commissioner.

Route 51:

- The **morning (AM) journey** will no longer operate as a separate Route 51 service. Instead, the **Route 57** journey will now run via Newport Bus Station at **07:50**, then follow the current Route 51 route to Cowes Enterprise College. This should serve as a direct replacement for Route 51 students, with only minor differences due to earlier passengers from West Wight.
- The **afternoon (PM) journey** will continue to run as usual, with **no changes to timings**.

Route 57:

- The **morning (AM) journey** will operate **up to 28 minutes earlier** between Totland and Shalfleet, before diverting via Newport and continuing to Cowes Enterprise College. **Please check the updated timings carefully.**
This adjustment is necessary due to a lower-than-expected number of students using Route 57. To maintain the viability of the service, it is being combined with the Route 51 service as described above.
- The **afternoon (PM) journey** remains **unchanged**.

Please be aware that Cowes Enterprise College have informed Southern Vectis of our planned changes to school hours for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Cowes Enterprise College