

# **We're making changes to some services across Bedfordshire**



# The following service changes will be introduced from Sunday, 1st June 2025

## Service 3 (Bedford – Fenlake)

- The 3 service has been extended to Shortstown during the day, replacing the current Service 9 which will now only provide an evening service to Shortstown.
- Buses will now serve Bay G at Bedford Bus Station, as this Service also serves Shortstown along with Services 9A and 9B.
- The 3 service will run every 30 minutes, alongside the 9A and 9B, Monday to Saturday, and hourly on Sundays. This provides a combined frequency of every 15 minutes to Shortstown at peak times.

## Service 5 (Bedford Bus Station - Elms Farm)

- To improve reliability and punctuality, this service will now terminate at Norse Road.
- Buses will no longer serve Waitrose or the Elms Farm Industrial Estate as these stops have low passenger usage.

## Service 7 (Bedford – Woodside)

- Service 7 will now operate on a one-way loop around Needwood Road.
- Buses will serve Rowallan Drive instead of Putnoe Lane to offer a new connection for residents in this area, better meeting customer demand and reducing route overlap with services 4 and 10.
- In order to adapt to current passenger levels, the service will now operate hourly daily.

## Service 8 (Bedford - Great Denham)

- Due to continuing problems of buses being unable to access some of the roads on the route due to parking issues, Service 8 will no longer loop around Queens Park Estate. We will, however, continue to serve Ford End Road, which is the main road to the Queens Park Estate and a short walk away from current stops.
- Service 8 will extend to/from Bedford Bus Station via Park Avenue and Bedford Hospital North Wing in a one-way loop.

## Service 9 (Bedford Bus Station – Shortstown)

- Service 9 will be withdrawn during the day but will continue to operate on weekday evenings.
- Service 3 has been extended to Shortstown during the day, replacing the current Service 9. Please see timetables for specific journey information.

## Services 9A/9B/9D (Bedford Bus Station - Stevenage)

- In response to customer feedback, these services will now operate via Stevenage Old Town between Lister Hospital and Stevenage Bus Station.
- Slight adjustments have been made to journey times, please see timetables for specific information.

## Service 9C (Bedford Bus Station - Stevenage)

- Due to low demand, the 9C has been withdrawn and will be replaced by the 9B service.

### **Service 20 (Bedford – Bedford Business Park)**

- We are introducing a new service between Bedford Bus Station and Priory Business Park via London Road to provide an additional connection across the town.
- Service 20 will operate Monday-Friday peak times, please see timetables for specific journey information.

### **Service 905 (Bedford - St Neots – Cambridge)**

- The service will see timetable changes to improve punctuality, reliability, and overall efficiency due to on-going roadworks, congestion and other external factors. Please refer to the revised timetables for full details.
- These adjustments will also enhance evening and Sunday connections with Service X5.

### **Service X5 (Bedford - Milton Keynes - Oxford)**

- The service will see timetable changes to improve punctuality, reliability, and overall efficiency due to on-going roadworks, congestion and other external factors. Please refer to the revised timetables for full details.

### **Services MK1/LAX (Milton Keynes - Luton Interchange - Luton Airport)**

- The service will see timetable changes to improve punctuality, reliability, and overall efficiency due to on-going roadworks, congestion and other external factors. Please refer to the revised timetables for full details.

### **Service 25 (Bedford – Rushden)**

Working with Bedford Borough Council, we have been asked to make changes to the following journeys.

New, direct links are being introduced between Rushden and Bedford.

- The 07:45 from Sharnbrook that currently terminates in Oakley is now extended to Bedford.
- The 08:29 from Stevington to Oakley will no longer operate.
- The 09:08 from Carlton to Rushden will now start from Bedford at 08:45.

## **The following service change will be introduced from Sunday, 27th July 2025**

### **Service 51 (Bedford - Clapham – Oakley)**

Service 51 has seen very low passenger numbers. However, mindful of the importance of maintaining transport for Lincroft Academy students until the end of term, and following discussions with Bedford Borough Council, we will continue running the service until July 27th, 2025, after which it will be cancelled.

We have been in ongoing conversations with Meridian Trust, who operate Lincroft Academy, to discuss the challenges we're facing with this service. Our hope is that by setting this extended cancellation date, there is enough time for the Trust to work with us and Bedford Borough Council to identify a sustainable, long-term solution.

Bedford Borough Council have engaged positively in exploring future options, and we are hopeful that by working together with the Trust, a viable way forward can be found.