

Travel Arrangements

It is a requirement of the School that no pupil, whether day or boarding, should miss any part of the school day at the beginning or the end of a term or half-term. Much disruption has been caused previously to teaching and learning at these times by pupils leaving School before the appointed time.

Term dates are published well in advance (two years) and include the time at which School ends on the last day of a term or half-term. At the end of term this is noon, 12:00; at half-term this is usually 16:30.

In order to allow sufficient time for travel to the airport (usually Gatwick or Heathrow) and to check in, pupils leave School five hours before their flight time. So, for example, to catch a flight at 18:00 from LHR, the taxi would leave from School at 13:00. If a flight booking does not meet the School's requirement you will be asked to change the flight to a day and time that does.

In cases where, at the end of term, a pupil cannot make the only afternoon flight available then this flight must be booked for the next day (Saturday). We will, of course, offer overnight accommodation to your child for no extra charge in order to leave on the day after school ends with the exception of the end of the academic year.

Transfer by taxi from the airport to School and vice versa can be arranged for you; the charge will be put on your bill. Further details can be found on here,

https://www.ashfordschool.co.uk/boarding/airport-transfers/. Assistant Houseparents need to be kept informed of travel arrangements, and the timely completion of travel forms is essential.