Travel to School

Public Transport (City Bus)

City Direct operates two routes in Kilkenny City on behalf of Transport for Ireland. Each route operates every 30 minutes Monday to Friday. The timetable is available here.

Route KK2 runs from Purcellsinch (Cillín Hill) to St Luke's Hospital, the closest stops to the school are Grange Road, Parkview Drive and the Sycamores (Freshford Rd).

Route KK1 runs from Loughboy Retail Park to the N77 Roundabout and serves Upper Patrick Street, McDonagh Junction, and Castlecomer Road.

Students can transfer from KK1 to KK2 at the Dean St. stop in the mornings or walk from the Dean St. stop via Lousybush Lane (1.3km).

Capacity will be doubled on the 08:00am KK2 westbound service through provision of a second bus. The additional capacity is provided on a pilot basis and will be withdrawn if there is insufficient take-up.

School Bus Service

The School Bus Service is operated by <u>Bus Eireann</u>. Tickets are applied for on or before the last Friday in April of the previous school year. Post-primary students are eligible if they live 4.8km or more from their nearest school. Children who are not eligible for school transport but who have applied for transport on a concessionary basis may be accommodated if there is a suitable service available, provided there is spare capacity on the service. Confirmation of the availability of a concessionary seat will not be known until early August.

In Kilkenny City, the school transport scheme transports approximately 1600 post primary students on 22 post primary routes. Each bus serves multiple schools, with Gaol Road currently used as a focal point for students and a transfer point for some routes. CBC students will be shuttled to and from the Gaol Road or dropped/collected on Grange Road, depending on direction of travel.

Walking Routes

There are excellent walking facilities to the school with footpaths on all approach roads. Current Walking Routes are shown at this <u>link</u>. The distance from walking or drop-off points are shown below:

•	Dunningstown Road	1.1km
•	Cluain Glasan, Grange Road	0.9km
•	Grange Road via Ayrfield and Lousybush Lane	0.9km
•	Fox Meadows, Tullaroan Road	0.6km
•	The Butts Green	1.1km
•	Junction of Lord Edward St and Grange Road	1km

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Cycling Routes

There is mixed quality of provision of cycling facilities with segregated infrastructure, quiet streets and on-road sections. Current Cycling Routes are shown at this <u>link</u>

From the City Centre, most of the cycling routes will follow the quiet road section from Dean St to Granges Road via Thomas Square. From this point, there are recently upgraded cycle facilities on Granges Road to Dunningstown Road. The link road to the school has fully segregated walking and cycling facilities.

Depending on direction of travel, there are various options to get to the city centre. There are off-road/quiet routes through Robert's Hill to the west and the Johnswell and Pococke Areas to the east and a mixed quality of provision on radial routes.

When choosing a route, sharing the carriageway on a 30kph road is a safe cycling environment, such as High St and the Castle Road. In this scenario, a cyclist should assume the primary position i.e. they should take the position of a car and indicate appropriately. If there is no cyclist provision at junctions or if the cyclist does not feel comfortable at any stage of the journey, cyclists can dismount and walk that section.

BOLT, Kilkenny's E-Bike Share scheme has a parking location close to the school entrance.

Additional Routes under Progression

A boardwalk under Green's Bridge is currently under construction. This will complete an off-road link from the City Centre to Parkview Drive via Linear Park and The Sycamores, expected completion date is 2026.

An upgrade of the pedestrian and cyclist facilities on the Waterford Road is due to commence late in 2025.