

# Advice for pupils travelling by rail

Some pupils will need to use rail to get to and from school from September. As the government eases lockdown restrictions, train companies are doing all they can to keep passengers and staff safe. We are also asking passengers to adapt to a different way of travelling, and in particular, to take on these key messages.

## When planning your journey by train



Buy your ticket online and get it on your mobile or Key Smartcard



Check before you travel



Travel during off-peak hours if you can



Allow extra time to make your journey by train

## During your journey



Carry hand sanitizer and wash your hands before and after travelling



Face coverings should be used whilst using our services and at stations

From 15 June, the Government has asked all public transport operators to make wearing a face covering a requirement of using public transport. This is to coincide with the next stage of carefully easing restrictions.



Please keep your distance



Go online to book tickets and use contactless payments wherever possible

For the latest travel advice visit [nationalrail.co.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/coronavirus)

## Plan Ahead

- Check before you travel
- Buy tickets online, use contactless payment
- Travel at quieter times if you can

## Consider others and stay safe

- If you are 11 and over you need to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt).  
The government website has more details - [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers)
- Keep your distance
- Wash your hands before and after travelling and carry hand sanitiser

## For more information

All the latest information and guidance on timetables, busier stations and trains to avoid, and top tips on travelling safely by rail can be found on our websites:

[www.thameslinkrailway.com](https://www.thameslinkrailway.com)

[www.greatnorthernrail.com](https://www.greatnorthernrail.com)

[www.southernrailway.com](https://www.southernrailway.com)

For up to date train times go to

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk)