

## **SCHOOL & COLLEGE TRANSPORT IN WORCESTERSHIRE**

### **THE EDUCATION TRAVEL TEAM**

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**From September 2009** a "**No Pass, No Travel**" policy will operate on all contracted education transport services.

Worcestershire County Council provide various levels of travel assistance for school education. Please read below to find out which level of assistance you are entitled to.

### **Entitlement to free travel assistance under 16**

Statutory school age children and pre-statutory school age children who are admitted to mainstream schools in accordance with the current County Council Admission Policy are entitled to free travel, provided that they:

- Live in Worcestershire
- Are 4 years old at September 1
- Are attending either the designated or nearest school for their home address
- Live beyond the statutory walking distance from the school

#### **Statutory walking distance is:**

- **2 miles** (3.218 Kilometers) for pupils up to 8 years
- **3 miles** (4.828 kilometers) for pupils between 8-16 years

The distance is measured by the shortest available walking route.

[Free travel assistance under 16 online form](#)

**From September 2007** primary school aged pupils who live between 2-3 miles from the nearest suitable school, and from low-income families\*, are entitled to free transport.

**From September 2008** this entitlement will be extended to high school aged pupil, who will also be entitled to free transport assistance to a choice of up to 3 schools up to between 2-6 miles.

**PLEASE NOTE – There has been no change to the school admission policy and entitlement to transport assistance does not entitle pupils to a place at school.**

**\*Low-income is defined as in receipt of Free School Meals or Maximum Working Families Tax Credits. Entitlement is reassessed every year.**

## Entitlement to free travel assistance 16 to 19

The Authority provides travel assistance to full time students continuing into further education provided the following criteria are met.

- You must live in Worcestershire
- You must be under 19 when the course commences
- You should attend the establishment that is nearest to your home address.
- You must live more than 3 miles from the school or college

If the desired course is not available at the nearest establishment, assistance will be provided to the nearest alternative establishment which offers the desired or an appropriate equivalent course.

[Free travel assistance 16-19 online form](#)

[Downloadable form](#)

## Denominational travel assistance

Pupils qualify for denominational travel if:

- They, or one of their parents, adhere to the religion and denomination of the school (which must be an **AIDED CHURCH SCHOOL**)
- They attend the nearest or nominated denominational school (**as identified by the relevant Diocesan Authority**)

**They live beyond the statutory walking distance for their age:**

- **2 miles** (3.218 Kilometers) for pupils up to 8 years
- **3 miles** (4.828 kilometers) for pupils between 8-16 years.

The distance is measured by the shortest available walking route

Denominational Transport assistance is **not provided free of charge** and a contribution towards the cost of transport is always required.

### Under 16 Contribution Rates

<b>Annual Ticket</b>	<b>£310.00</b>
<b>Term Ticket</b>	<b>£112.00</b>
<b>Half Term or One Way Ticket</b>	<b>£67.00</b>
<b>Annual – Family Ticket</b>	<b>£504.00</b>
<b>Term – Family Ticket</b>	<b>£168.00</b>

### Post 16 Contribution Rates

The following prices apply to all students approved under the post16 transport policy.

<b>Annual Ticket</b>	<b>£412.00</b>
<b>Term Ticket</b>	<b>£156.00</b>
<b>Half Term or One Way Ticket</b>	<b>£84.00 – (Not available on some public transport options)</b>

**From September 2008**, however pupils who are from low-income families, attending the nearest denominational school are entitled to free transport assistance between 2-15 miles.

**We cannot be held responsible for the level of service provided by the organisations included in this publication.**

All details correct at time of publication, if you find that this info is inaccurate please call us.

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