



HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2024 / 2025

Entitlement for free school transport

Gloucestershire

Students who live within the school's catchment area and more than three miles from the school are entitled to free transport. If you wish to request a bus pass, please submit an application to the Transport Team at Gloucestershire County Council on line at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/school-and-collegetransport/apply-for-a-new-or-lost-school-bus-pass/>

Students who live within three miles of the school, but for whom there is no safe route to the school, may also apply to the Transport Team for free transport using the above link.

Other general queries on school transport in Gloucestershire are handled by the Integrated Transport Unit at Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP. This Department will organise the posting of the bus passes to your home during the Summer holiday. The direct line for the Department in case of a query arising is 01452 425390.

Herefordshire

Students who live in Herefordshire and more than three miles from school, but we are your nearest secondary school, should contact The Herefordshire Council, Children's Services Directorate on 01432 383330 (Admissions) or 01432 260922 (Transport).

Not entitled for free school transport

The following services are offered for students who live closer to school than 3 miles or who live outside the Newent School catchment area. You may still apply to Gloucestershire County Council if there is a school bus route near to your home and you wish to pay. Please use the above contact numbers.

Forest of Dean: Stagecoach West currently runs a private service from the Forest of Dean to school, dependent upon numbers. Contract details for this service are available from the school only, please email buspass@newent.gloucs.sch.uk

Gloucester City: Stagecoach West currently runs five private services from the City to school, dependent upon numbers. Contract details for this service are available from the school only, please email buspass@newent.gloucs.sch.uk

Ross-on-Wye district: Stagecoach West traditionally run a public service bus from the bus station in Ross to the school. Their Customer Service number is 01452 418630 or to view a timetable see their website www.stagecoach.com/timetables.

General issues on travelling to school are covered by selecting the Travel and Transport link at <https://www.gov.uk/help-home-school-transport>

Travel on school transport

School bus passes are issued for use on school days and for the specified bus only. It is necessary to show the bus pass at the start of every journey and, therefore, must be carried at all times. Should the need arise a replacement bus pass is available to purchase. Please contact the school at the point this is necessary.

As your child accepts his/her bus pass, they also accept the contract that applies to this. This details what is reasonable behaviour on the bus and emphasises the requirement to wear seatbelts where these are available. It also requires the student to be at their designated collection point 10 minutes before the published time. Details regarding behaviour on school buses are available on the school website.

If you are still unsure about transport issues, please contact the School on 01531 820550.

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