

## **POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT 2022-2023**

### **FOR LEARNERS AGED 16-19 AND 19-24 FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND/OR DISABILITIES**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to prepare and publish an annual Transport Policy Statement which complies with the requirements of section 509 of the Education Act 1996 regarding adequate provision of transport to facilitate the attendance of learners of sixth form age.

The Transport Policy Statement describes the transport support available to young people aged 16-19 years old, and young persons up to 24 years old who have a learning difficulty and /or a disability, who are entering or continuing in further education and learning.

Wirral Council is committed to:

- Ensuring that learners of sixth form age (and for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities aged 19-24) are able to access appropriate high quality education and training of their choice; and
- Providing support to those young people who need it most and removing transport as a barrier to participation in learning.

## **2.0 Details of Support Available**

### Government Funded 16-19 Bursary Scheme

The 16-19 Bursary Scheme provides financial support for learners aged 16-19 to access education or training. From 2013-14 the scheme will provide two types of funding, discretionary funding and funding for vulnerable students.

Schools and colleges are responsible for awarding bursaries and verifying eligibility of students. Institutions are free to determine the assessment criteria for eligibility for discretionary bursaries and the amount paid. They can also apply to the Learner Support Service for additional funding for vulnerable students.

Vulnerable students, such as those in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit and disabled students in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, or Personal Independence Payments are eligible for a bursary of £1,200 for a full academic year. This amount may be reduced pro-rata for courses of less than a full academic year (less than 30 weeks) at the discretion of the school or college.

Details of the bursary scheme are available on the Directgov website at:  
[www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund)

Further information can be obtained directly from the student's school or college on how to apply for a bursary.

### Schools and Colleges

The websites of many schools and colleges provide comprehensive information on the transport assistance provided by the educational settings. Appendix 1 outlines the support available from the principal Post 16 providers in Wirral. Students are advised to contact the

institution directly for more detailed information as transport plans may be subject to change.

### Merseytravel

Merseytravel offer a range of concessionary passes and pre-paid tickets.

A range of Term Time Tickets are available for young people and adults in full time education or work based learning who do not receive another allowance that covers the cost of travel. Trio tickets can be used on buses, trains and ferries, Solo tickets are for bus travel only and Railpass tickets are for train travel. The cost depends on the area that they cover and the age of the student.

The tickets are also available to be purchased on a weekly, monthly or annual basis. Students who reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during a term are required to purchase an adult ticket for the whole of that term.

Merseytravel offers free travel to Merseyside residents with certain disabilities on buses, trains and Mersey Ferries. The disabilities include:

- Are registered blind or partially sighted
- Are registered profoundly or severely deaf
- Are without speech
- Have a disability or suffered an injury which has a substantial effect on ability to walk.
- Does not have arms or use of arms
- Have a learning disability
- Would be refused a license to drive a motor vehicle because of epilepsy, severe medical disorder, sudden attacks of dizziness or fainting or diagnosed dementia conditions
- Severe mental health issues

Students are advised to seek advice for the most appropriate ticket from any Merseytravel Centre or to telephone Merseytravel Hub Support on 0151 236 6056.

Further information can be found on the Merseytravel website: [www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)

### Arriva

Arriva offer a range of student passes, both annual and termly, for use on Arriva buses in the North West Area, valid throughout Cheshire, Halton, Lancashire and Manchester as well as Wirral and Merseyside.

Further information can be found on the Arriva website:  
<https://tickets.arrivabus.co.uk/north-west>

### Stagecoach

Stagecoach operate a range of buses in the Wirral, Chester, Ellesmere Port and Wrexham areas.

Further information can be found on the Stagecoach website:  
[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

## Rail Services

The 16-25 Railcard offers one third discount for those aged 16-25 and students on a range of journeys. For the best offers students should check with operators what choices are available for their journey at the time they want to travel.

Information on Student Railcards can be obtained via the Railcard website at: [www.railcard.co.uk](http://www.railcard.co.uk)

Additional information on rail fares and services can be obtained through National Railcards: 0844 871 4036.

### **3.0 Support for Learners with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities**

The Council has a duty to encourage, enable and assist participation of all young people with special educational needs difficulties and/or disabilities (SEND). However, there is no automatic entitlement to free home to school transport for students over 16 at the beginning of the academic year (1 September).

Post 16 SEND students who continue their education can apply for transport support. Students or parents/ carers are required to complete an application form to apply for free transport. An individual assessment process to determine eligibility to free transport and the type of transport required will be carried out and applications will be notified.

This will apply to Post 16 students who were previously in receipt of a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) prior to admission to school/college where the following criteria are also met:

- The journey must be more than three miles from home to school/college.
- The student must be enrolled on a full-time course (above 15 hours per week) for a whole academic year at a school or college.
- The student must be following his/her course at the nearest school or college where that course is provided.

Each application will be individually assessed. Students/parents/carers will need to re-apply for transport on an annual basis.

The term "16 to 19" for the purpose of determining entitlement to travel under this section is defined as the beginning of the academic year following a student's 16th birthday to the end of the academic year in which the student's 19th birthday falls.

Parents or students can appeal in writing within 20 working days of receiving notification of the local authority's decision not to provide transport or against the detailed arrangements made.

Guidance to the appeals process and the relevant forms are available from our website:

[www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-travel-school](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-travel-school)

Or directly from the Assisted Travel Service:

Email: [CYPD\\_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:CYPD_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk)

Support for young people aged 18 years and above may be available if Critical and Substantial Fair Access to Care criteria is met following an assessment of need by the Department of Adult Social Services (DASS). Please refer to the DASS Transport Policy for further details.

#### **4.0 Independent Travel Training**

Wirral Independent Travel Training (ITT) aims to give students with SEND the key skills and confidence to travel independently using public transport to and from school or college. The aims of ITT are to:

- Increase independence and use of own initiative
- Raise self confidence
- Provide greater freedom
- Develop social skills
- Open opportunities for learning and work
- Less reliance on friends and family

The service provides individuals with their own personal travel programme and assistance to learn how to travel independently. Working one to one with a travel trainer, students will be accompanied to and from school over an extended period of time until they are ready to make the journey independently.

The scheme is open to young people with Special Educational Needs and / or a Disability attending Wirral Special Schools, Education Inclusion Bases in mainstream schools or post 16 provision. Students currently in receipt of school or college specialist transport who would like to learn to travel independently can also apply.

To express an interest in accessing travel training please contact the Assisted Travel Service (contact details below) or view the website for further information:

[www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-travel-school](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-travel-school)

A number of schools and colleges provide travel training and support to students; schools can be contacted directly for details of their provision.

#### **5.0 Post 16 Students Undertaking Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

Merseytravel offers an Apprentice Travelcard for eligible 19 to 24 year olds which provides half-price weekly or monthly bus travel across Merseyside.

[www.merseytravel.gov.uk/Tickets/Pages/Apprentice-Travelcard.aspx](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/Tickets/Pages/Apprentice-Travelcard.aspx)

#### **6.0 Contact Information**

Information regarding home to school and college transport can be obtained from:

Assisted Travel Service  
Email: [CYPD\\_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:CYPD_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 0151 666 4212

For Travel Training:

Assisted Travel Service  
Email: [CYPD\\_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:CYPD_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 0151 666 4229

## **7.0 Complaints**

We want to give the best possible service, however if you wish to complain Wirral Council has a formal complaints process.

You can contact the Council in a number of ways:

- Via the Council website;
- Phoning the Information and Advice Team 0151 606 2000;
- Writing to us at:  
Information and Advice Team  
Wirral Council  
PO Box No 2  
Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 6BU

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Council's complaint investigation you can take your complaint to the Local Government Social Care Ombudsman, an independent body which investigates complaints about councils.

Full information regarding comments and complaints can be found on the Council website: [www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/complaints-compliments-and-feedback](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/complaints-compliments-and-feedback)

## Appendix 1: Transport Support Available to Post 16 Providers (March 2021)

Note: information and web links may be subject to change by the provider. Prices may vary.

Transport Support Available	Provider
<p>Merseytravel operate a range of bus services (700 series) to the school from local areas. Bus routes, timings &amp; ticket costs may vary from year to year; information can be obtained from Merseytravel. The buses are open to members of the public to travel on.</p> <p>Single Ticket prices presently cost 0.80p per journey for a pupil under 19,</p> <p>My Ticket is a daily ticket obtainable from the Bus Driver at the cost of £2.20 which allows unlimited travel per day.</p> <p>Solo/Walrus Card (bus only) are available at a weekly cost £9.60 or term time £85.80 for pupils under 19.</p> <p>1 Zone Trio tickets (bus &amp; rail) under 19 cost £9.60 per week &amp; £87.75 per term.</p> <p>2 Zone Trio tickets (bus &amp; rail) under 19 cost £12.00 per week &amp; £111.15 per term.</p>	<p>Merseytravel operate the 700 series for Birkenhead High School Academy</p>
<p><b>Birkenhead High School Academy</b>  Devonshire Place  Claughton  Wirral, CH43 1TY  Email: <a href="mailto:bhsa@birkhs.gdst.net">bhsa@birkhs.gdst.net</a></p>	<p>Tel : 0151 652 5777  Fax : 0151 670 0639  Web:  <a href="http://www.birkenheadhigh.gdst.net">www.birkenheadhigh.gdst.net</a></p>
<p><b>Birkenhead Sixth Form College</b>  Park Road West  Claughton  Prenton  Merseyside, CH43 8SQ  Email: <a href="mailto:email@bsfc.ac.uk">email@bsfc.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Tel : 0151 652 5575  Fax : 0151 653 4419</p> <p>Web:  <a href="http://www.bsfc.ac.uk">www.bsfc.ac.uk</a></p>
<p>The college provides a double deck vehicle from Hamilton Square each morning (8.30am) free of charge with a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at Birkenhead Park, there is no return journey. The vehicle predominantly is to provide a link between the railway station &amp; school for those students who are travelling from further afield.</p> <p>The College offers subsidised bus services including Heswall Service incorporating Heswall, Pensby and Irby and a South Wirral Service incorporating Eastham, Bromborough and Bebington.  Year Pass: £150, Term Time Pass: £55, Single Journey Ticket £1.</p> <p>Individual bus tickets will also be available to purchase in advance.  Equivalent one year young person's SOLO travel pass £238, term time SOLO travel pass £79.20.</p>	<p>Birkenhead Sixth Form College  <a href="http://www.bsfc.ac.uk/prospective-students/how-to-find-us#Shuttle">www.bsfc.ac.uk/prospective-students/how-to-find-us#Shuttle</a></p>

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<p>The C and W bus services operate for students of Calday Grange and West Kirby Grammar schools who live in New Brighton, Liscard, Wallasey, Leasowe, Chester and North Wales. These buses operate on a daily basis and timetables for these routes are available from the school. The current cost of an annual pass for the C Series (Wallasey) service is £465.00 per year and for the W Series (North Wales and Chester) is £855.00 per year. These costs may be subject to increase. Infrequent <i>ad-hoc</i> journeys may be available dependent upon availability, these passes cost £1.50 (C Series) or £2.50 (W Series) per one way journey and may be obtained and arranged with the Administration Office at Calday Grange Grammar School or Reception at West Kirby Grammar School.</p> <p>Further information can be obtained from the Calday Grange Grammar School website;  <a href="http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/page/?title=Travel+Information&amp;pid=25">www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk/page/?title=Travel+Information&amp;pid=25</a></p> <p>Merseytravel also operate a range of bus services to the school from local areas. Bus routes and timings may vary from year to year; information can be obtained from Merseytravel.</p>	<p>Calday Grange Grammar School and West Kirby Grammar School for Girls</p> <p>Merseytravel</p>
<p><b>Calday Grange Grammar School</b>  Grammar School Lane  Wirral, CH48 8GG  Email: <a href="mailto:theschool@calday.co.uk">theschool@calday.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Tel : 0151 625 2727  Fax: 0151 625 9851  Web:  <a href="http://www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk">www.caldaygrangegrammarschool.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>West Kirby Grammar School For Girls</b>  Graham Road  West Kirby  Wirral, CH48 5DP  Email: <a href="mailto:office@wkgs.net">office@wkgs.net</a></p>	<p>Tel : 0151 632 3449  Fax: 0151 632 1224  Web:  <a href="http://www.westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk">www.westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk</a></p>
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<p><b>The Co-Op Academy Bebington</b>  Higher Bebington Road  Bebington  Wirral, CH63 2PS  Email : <a href="mailto:schooloffice.bebington@coopacademies.co.uk">schooloffice.bebington@coopacademies.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Tel : 0151 645 4154  Fax: 0151 643 8065  Web:  <a href="https://bebington.coopacademies.co.uk">https://bebington.coopacademies.co.uk</a></p>

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<b>Pensby High School</b> Irby road Wirral, CH61 6XN Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@psf.wirral.sch.uk">schooloffice@psf.wirral.sch.uk</a>	Tel : 0151 342 0570 Fax: 0151 342 0571 Web: <a href="http://www.pensbyhighschool.com">www.pensbyhighschool.com</a>
<b>St Anselms College</b> Manor Hill Prenton Merseyside, CH43 1UQ Email: <a href="mailto:reception@st-anselms.com">reception@st-anselms.com</a>	Tel : 0151 652 1408 Fax :0151 652 1957  Web: <a href="http://www.st-anselms.com">www.st-anselms.com</a>
<b>St John Plessington Catholic College</b> Old Chester Road, Bebington Wirral, CH63 7LF Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@stjohnplessington.com">schooloffice@stjohnplessington.com</a>	Tel : 0151 645 5049 Fax: 0151 643 1516 Web: <a href="http://www.stjohnplessington.com">www.stjohnplessington.com</a>
<b>St Marys Catholic College</b> Wallasey Village Wallasey Wirral, CH45 3LN Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com">schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com</a>	Tel : 0151 639 7531 Fax: 0151 201 4514 Web: <a href="http://www.stmaryswallasey.com">www.stmaryswallasey.com</a>
<b>South Wirral High School</b> Plymyard Avenue Eastham Wirral, CH62 8EH Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk">schooloffice@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk</a>	Tel : 0151 327 3213 Fax: 0151 327 7798 Web: <a href="http://www.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk">www.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk</a>
<b>Wirral Grammar School For Boys</b> Cross Lane Bebington Wirral, CH63 3AQ Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.com">schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.com</a>	Tel : 0151 644 0908 Fax: 0151 643 8317 Web: <a href="http://www.wirralgrammarboys.com">www.wirralgrammarboys.com</a>
<b>Wirral Grammar School for Girls</b> Heath Road Bebington Wirral, CH63 3AF Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@wirralgirls.co.uk">schooloffice@wirralgirls.co.uk</a>	Tel : 0151 644 8282 Fax: 0151 643 1332 Web: <a href="http://www.wirralgirls.co.uk">www.wirralgirls.co.uk</a>
<b>Mosslands School</b> Mosslands Drive Wallasey Wirral, CH45 8PJ Email: <a href="mailto:admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk">admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk</a>	Tel : 0151 638 8131 Fax: 0151 639 1317 Web: <a href="http://www.mosslands.co.uk">www.mosslands.co.uk</a>
<b>The Oldershaw Academy</b> Valkyrie Road Wallasey Wirral, CH45 4RJ Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk">schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk</a>	Tel : 0151 638 2800 Fax: 0151 691 1581 Web: <a href="http://www.oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk">www.oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk</a>
<b>Weatherhead High School</b> Breck Road Wallasey Wirral, CH44 3HS Email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk">schooloffice@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk</a>	Tel : 0151 631 4400 Fax: 0151 637 1805 Web: <a href="http://www.weatherheadhigh.co.uk">www.weatherheadhigh.co.uk</a>

Transport Support Available	Provider
<b>Public Transport provision is available for the provider below</b>	
<b>Wirral Metropolitan College</b> Conway Park Campus Europa Boulevard Conway Park Birkenhead, CH41 4NT  12 Quays Campus Shore Road Birkenhead, CH41 1AG	Tel : 0151 551 7777 Fax: 0151 551 7001  Web: <a href="http://www.wmc.ac.uk">www.wmc.ac.uk</a>  Fax: 0151 551 7401