

POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT 2014- 2015**FOR LEARNERS AGED 16-19 AND 19-24 FOR STUDENTS WITH
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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

Further information can be obtained directly from the 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 18th 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

Arriva

Students travelling to full time education or placement outside the Merseytravel area may be able to purchase a bus only travel pass from 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:
www.arrivabus.co.uk/student-saver-tickets-in-north-west/

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.

Additional information on rail fares and services can be obtained through National Railcards: 08448 714036.

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. An individual assessment process to determine eligibility to transport support and the type of transport required will be carried out.

This will apply to Post 16 students who were previously in receipt of a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) 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.

For those individuals who are assessed as qualifying for transport this will be provided at no cost to the family.

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 will be available from our website:

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/information-parents-and-carers/school-transport>

Or directly from:

Email: CYPD_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk

The Integrated Transport Unit
Children and Young People's Department
Hamilton Building
Conway Street
Birkenhead, Wirral
Merseyside CH41 4FD

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

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

Bus Confidence is a website designed to help young people with special educational needs travel to school or college on their own. The on-line training package is available at Bus Confidence free of charge to students, parents & schools.

For further details: <http://www.busconfidence.com/>

The Council Integrated Transport Unit provides travel training assistance to support users to travel independently to a regular visited destination and back. To access travel training assistance please contact the Integrated Transport Unit (contact details below).

5.0 Contact Information

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

The Integrated Transport Unit
Email: CYPD_transport4children@wirral.gov.uk
Telephone: 0151 666 4697

Appendix 2a: Transport Support Available to Post 16 Providers (May 2013)

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

Transport Support Available	Provider
<p>Merseytravel operate a range of bus services (700 series) to the school from local areas. Bus routes, timings & 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. Daily Ticket prices presently cost 0.50p per journey for a pupil under 16 & £1.20 for 16+ Solo tickets (bus only) are available at a cost of at £8.80 per week or £79.20 per term</p> <p>1 Zone Trio tickets (bus & rail) cost £8.40 per week & £79.90 per term</p> <p>2 Zone Trio tickets (bus & rail) cost £11.20 per week & £100.60 per term</p>	<p>Merseytravel operate the 700 series for Birkenhead High School Academy</p>
<p>Birkenhead High School Academy Devonshire Place Claughton Wirral, CH43 1TY Email: m.wainwright@birkhs.gdst.net</p>	<p>Tel : 0151 652 5777 Fax : 0151 670 0639 Web: http://www.birkenheadhigh.gdst.net</p>
<p>The college provides a double deck vehicle from Hamilton Square each morning (8.30am) free of charge with a 2nd collection at Birkenhead Park, there is no return journey. The vehicle predominantly is to provide a link between the railway station & school for those students who are travelling from further afield.</p> <p>The college is introducing buses from Wallasey – Seacombe, Liscard, New Brighton, Wallasey Village and Heswall, Pensby, Gayton, Irby. Route Year Pass: £150, Term Time Pass: £55.</p> <p>Individual bus tickets will also be available to purchase in advance. Equivalent one year young person's SOLO travel pass £230, term time SOLO travel pass £76.70.</p>	<p>Birkenhead Sixth Form College</p>
<p>Birkenhead Sixth Form College Park Road West Claughton Prenton Merseyside, CH43 8SQ Email: email@bsfc.ac.uk</p>	<p>Tel : 0151 652 5575 Fax : 0151 653 441</p> <p>Web: www.bsfc.ac.uk</p>
<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 cost of a pass for the C Series (Wallasey) service is £145.00 per term and for the W Series (North Wales and Chester) is £275.00 per term. Students who do not wish to use the bus every week are able to purchase a day pass if space is available on the bus. These passes cost £1.50 (C Series) or £2.50 (W Series) per one way journey and may be obtained from the Administration Office at Calday Grange Grammar School or Reception at West Kirby Grammar School.</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>Calday Grange Grammar School Grammar School Lane</p>	<p>Tel : 0151 625 2727</p>

Wirral, CH48 8GG Email: theschool@calday.wirral.sch.uk	Fax: 0151 625 9851 Web: http://www.calday.wirral.sch.uk/home
West Kirby Grammar School For Girls Graham Road West Kirby Wirral, CH48 5DP Email: office@wkgs.net	Tel : 0151 632 3449 Fax: 0151 632 1224 Web: http://www.westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk
Merseytravel operate a range of bus services (600 series) to the school from local areas. Bus routes, timings & 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. Daily Ticket prices presently cost 50p per journey for a pupil under 16 & £1.20 for 16+ Solo tickets (bus only) are available at a cost of at £8.80 per week or £79.20 per term. 1 Zone Trio tickets (bus & rail) cost £8.40 per week & £79.90 per term. 2 Zone Trio tickets (bus & rail) cost £11.20 per week & £100.60 per term.	Merseytravel operate the 600 series for a range of providers listed below.
Bebington High Sports College Higher Bebington Road Bebington Wirral, CH63 2PS Email : schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 645 4154 Fax: 0151 643 8065 Web: http://www.bebingtonhigh.com
Hilbre High School Frankby Road West Kirby Wirral, CH48 6EQ Email: schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 625 5996 Fax: 0151 625 3697 Web: http://www.hilbre.wirral.sch.uk
Pensby High School for Boys Irby road Wirral, CH61 6XN Email : schooloffice@psf.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151342 0570 Fax: 0151 342 0571 Web: http://www.boys.psf.wirral.sch.uk
Pensby High School for Girls Irby road Wirral, CH61 6XN Email: schooloffice@psf.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151342 0570 Fax: 0151 342 0571 Web: http://www.girls.psf.wirral.sch.uk
St Anselms College Manor Hill Prenton Merseyside, CH43 1UQ Email: headmaster@st-anselms.com	Tel : 0151 652 1408 Fax :01516 521957 Web: www.st-anselms.com
St John's Plessington Catholic College Old Chester Road, Bebington Wirral, CH63 7LF Email: schooloffice@stjohnplessington.com	Tel : 0151 645 5049 Fax: 0151 643 1516 Web: http://www.stjohnplessington.com
St Marys Catholic Aided College Wallasey Village Wallasey	Tel : 0151 639 7531 Fax: 0151 210 4514 Web:

Wirral, CH63 7LF Email: schooloffice@stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk	http://www.stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk
South Wirral High School Plymyard Avenue Eastham Wirral, CH62 8EH Email: schooloffice@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 327 3213 Fax: 0151 327 7798 Web: http://www.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk
The Wallasey School Birkett Avenue Moreton Wirral, CH46 1RB Email: schooloffice@stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 677 7825 Fax: 0151 605 0238 Web: http://www.wallaseyschool.co.uk
Wirral Grammar School For Boys Cross Lane Bebington Wirral, CH63 3AQ Email: schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.com	Tel : 0151 644 0908 Fax: 0151 643 8317 Web: http://www.wirralgrammarboys.com
Wirral Grammar School for Girls Heath Road Bebington Wirral, CH63 3AF Email: schooloffice@wirralgrammar-girls.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 644 8282 Fax: 0151 643 1332 Web: http://www.wirralgirls.co.uk
Public Transport Provision	Public Transport provision is available for the providers below
Wirral Metropolitan College 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: http://www.wmc.ac.uk
Mosslands School Mosslands Drive Wallasey Wirral, CH45 4RJ Email: admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 638 8131 Fax: 0151 639 1317 Web: http://www.mosslands.co.uk
Oldershaw School Valkyrie Road Wallasey Wirral, CH45 4RJ Email: schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 638 2800 Fax: 0151 691 1581 Web: http://www.oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk
Weatherhead High Media Arts College Breck Road Wallasey Wirral, CH44 3HS Email: schooloffice@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk	Tel : 0151 631 4400 Fax: 0151 637 1805 Web: http://www.weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk

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Wirral Metropolitan College 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: http://www.wmc.ac.uk

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