

General Appeals Sub Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 5th March, 2024
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

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PART 1 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Appointment of Chair**

To appoint a Chair for the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

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4. Public Speaking Time/Open Session

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Committee Procedural Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the body in question. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 2 minutes but the Chair will have the discretion to vary this where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to speak are required to provide notice of this at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and should include the question with that notice.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

6. School Transport Appeal (Pages 35 - 54)

The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the following appeal against the decision of the Council not to offer assisted school transport.

The case will be heard at the following time:

Case 1: 10.05am

Membership: Councillors T Dean, S Edgar and E Gilman

Post-16 Education Travel Policy Statement

Cheshire East Council

1 September 2023



Document summary

This document provides travel information for young people of sixth form age¹ and adults aged 19 and over (including those with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan) in education and training².

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Other related education travel policies:

- Compulsory School Age Education Travel Policy
- Education Travel Payments Policy
- Education Travel Behaviour Code
- Education Travel Appeals and Complaints Policy
- Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy

¹ Section 508H and Section 509AB(5).

² Section 509AC(1) of the Education Act 1996 defines persons of sixth form age for the purposes of the sixth form transport duty.

1. Summary of Policy Statement and Objective

1.1 This policy statement provides information for Cheshire East students and their parents³ about the travel assistance available to them when continuing in education or training beyond compulsory school age⁴. It relates to Post-16 learners who are

- aged 16-18 years of age including those with special educational needs and disabilities
- aged 19 years of age including those with special educational needs and disabilities who started a course before their 19th birthday and who continue to attend that course
- Adults under 25 years of age, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, with or without an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) who wish to attend an educational course.

1.2 The policy statement applies to the academic year 2023-24.

1.3 The provision of free or subsidised travel assistance for all Post-16 learners is not a statutory duty and in Cheshire East, will not normally be provided for mainstream students or students who were not eligible for free home to school travel when they were of compulsory school age (5-16 years) unless aged over 19 and Cheshire East considers it is necessary having regard to all the relevant circumstances.

1.4 The policy statement however provides information for certain students on the process of applying for transport assistance from the Local Authority. The level of financial contribution required from parents of learners aged 16-19 will be comparable to the cost incurred by other parents who purchase a spare seat on transport arranged for home to school travel. The level of financial contribution will be published on the Local Authority's website.

³ Includes natural parent, person with parental responsibility and a carer, as defined in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996. Further Information is published on the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility/understanding-and-dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility#whoisaparent>

⁴ Compulsory school age begins at the start of the term following a child's fifth birthday and ends on the last Friday in June of the school year in which they are 16. (S8, Education Act 1996)

1.5 The policy statement also provides all Cheshire East Post-16 students and their parents with information about where to access the most up to date transport and travel information, as provided by the Local Authority, schools, and colleges of further education, transport providers and other relevant sources.

1.6 Information on arrangements available to support learners undertaking apprenticeships and traineeships is published online at www.apprenticeships.org.uk

2. Post-16 Transport Duty

2.1 The guidance issued by the Department for Education⁵ explains that local authorities have a duty to prepare and publish an annual transport policy statement specifying the arrangements they have agreed⁶. The duty relates to the arrangements for young people over compulsory school age and those continuing students who started their programme of learning before their 19th birthday.

2.2 The overall intention of the 16-18 transport duty is to ensure that:

- learners of sixth form age are able to access the education and training of their choice
- if support for access is required, this will be assessed and provided where necessary.

2.3 The policy statement takes the following into account:

- young people are now required to stay in education or training until their 18th birthday. Local authorities are responsible for promoting the effective participation in education and training of young people who are subject to the duty to participate.
- under the September Guarantee, every young person aged 16 or 17 should be offered a suitable place in education or training - further details are available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/september-guarantee-offers-of-education-or-training-for-16-to-17-year-olds

⁵ Post-16 transport to education and training, October 2017

⁶ Section 509AA of the Education Act 1996

2.4 Local authorities have a statutory duty to provide free transport for children of compulsory school age, subject to eligibility. However, travel assistance for Post-16 students is discretionary. Local authorities have a duty to consider what assisted travel and support is necessary in their administrative area to facilitate a young person's participation in education and training.

3. Details of Travel Assistance and Eligibility

3.1 General Information

3.1.1 The policy statement provides information for certain students on the process of accessing a financial contribution from the Local Authority towards travel needs.

3.1.2 When a young person starts Post-16 education, local authorities no longer have to provide free travel support to their educational placement – any such provision is discretionary and will not normally be provided for mainstream students or students who were not eligible for free home to school travel when they were of compulsory school age (5-16 years).

3.1.3 As part of a young person's transition to adulthood, Cheshire East Council encourages as many young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) as possible to have started to travel independently by the time they reach college age. Independent Travel Training may be available during 2023-24 for those who may benefit, to support transition.

3.1.4 Cheshire East Council remains committed to providing support for young people with SEND who demonstrate exceptional circumstances regarding their journey to Post-16 learning. Parents and their children are advised to consider the journey to their preferred placement when making decisions about Post-16 education and training.

3.1.5 Cheshire East Council understands that there will be Post-16 students with SEND who will not be able to travel independently to their place of learning and, in such cases, the Council will provide assistance either in the form of a direct payment or by arranging and subsidising the costs of transport.

3.1.6 Cheshire East Council may expect a young person to travel to access travel arrangements made by the Local Authority. The Local Authority may arrange travel assistance from a suitable pick-up point rather than the home address. The responsibility for a young person's safety in getting to and from the pick-up point is the parents'.

3.1.7 Low income

Local authorities are expected to target any support on those young people, and their families, who need it most, particularly those with a low income. Learners, and their families, may apply for assistance. Examples of which are provided in Section 6.

3.1.8 Cared-For Children

For Cared-for Children, where Cheshire East Council is the Corporate Parent, an exception will be applied if the Headteacher of the Virtual School agrees that it is in the best interest of the child/young person to continue to attend the same school. In such cases, the school attended will continue to be deemed the nearest suitable school for the purposes of this policy. If the child is cared-for by another local authority, the cost of travel will be that local authority's responsibility.

3.2 Eligibility for Travel Assistance

3.2.1 Cheshire East Council understands that there will be Post-16 students with SEND who will not be able to travel independently to their place of learning and, in such cases, will consider assistance. This includes:

3.2.1.1 Students who, aged 16-18 with an EHCP, may be entitled to subsidised travel assistance from the local authority are those:

- that cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school because of their mobility problems or because of associated health and safety concerns related to their SEN or disability
- and where no other suitable transport arrangement is already in place

3.2.1.2 Students who, aged 19 with an EHCP, maybe entitled to subsidised travel assistance from the local authority are those:

- that cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school because of their mobility problems or because of associated health and safety concerns related to their SEN or disability
- and where no other suitable transport arrangement is already in place
- and who started a course before their 19th birthday and who continue to attend that course.

3.2.1.3 Adult learners who, are aged between 19 and 25 years of age, maybe entitled to travel assistance from the local authority are those:

- where the local authority considers it necessary to make travel arrangements to enable them to attend maintained or further education colleges; or
- the young person has an EHCP and is attending an institution outside the further or higher education sector and the local authority has secured the provision of that education or training and the provision of boarding accommodation in connection with that education or training.
- Where the local authority considers it necessary to make those arrangements, any transport provided will be free of charge. For all other successful applications, a financial contribution will be offered.

3.2.2 In addition, the education or learning establishment must be:

- the nearest suitable publicly funded school sixth form⁷ offering the same course or similar; or
- the nearest suitable publicly funded college of further education offering the same course or similar; or
- an establishment where the young person is receiving education outside the further and higher education sector and the course/programme of study has been secured by the Local Authority and includes boarding accommodation.

⁷ A local authority maintained school or an academy (including a free school, studio school or University Technical College).

3.2.3 If an eligible student or their parents choose/secure a place at an education or training establishment that does not fall within these arrangements, transport assistance may not be agreed.

3.2.4 For an application to be accepted, the student must be enrolled onto a full-time course/programme of study, scheduled to provide at least 540 directed learning hours over 30 or more weeks). In exceptional circumstances, for example where a break in learning is required for medical needs, an application will be accepted for a shorter attendance period. Details must be included in the application.

3.2.5 Travel assistance is not normally provided for part-time courses, higher education, or privately funded education.

3.2.6 The student's permanent home address must be in the Cheshire East administrative boundary. The student's place of residence will be the address of the parent with whom the student is permanently resident. Supporting information may be requested to verify the place of residence. To ensure a fair process, administrative checks may be undertaken, which may include verifying addresses against Council Tax records. Where a student lives between two addresses, the permanent home address will be taken to be where the student wakes up for the majority of the week (Monday to Friday) and it is this address that will be used for transport purposes. If it is not possible to determine which is the permanent address by this test then residence will be determined based on where the student is registered for purposes of child benefit (if applicable) or where the student is registered for GP purposes.

3.2.7 All students who are assessed as eligible for travel assistance will be offered, in the first instance, a financial contribution from the Local Authority, which will be reviewed annually. More information is available in the **Education Travel Direct Payments Policy**, section 3 relating to Personal Travel Budgets.

3.3 Applying for Travel Assistance

3.3.1 Applications for travel assistance must be made bi-annually (every two years) using the forms available on the Cheshire East Council's website at https://form.cheshireeast.gov.uk/service/Post_16_transport_application

or by request to 0300 123 5012.

3.3.2 Year 11 students moving into a post-16 placement must complete an application form to request continuing support in Year 12 and 13, even if they are remaining in the same educational establishment. Students continuing on a post-16 course already in receipt of travel assistance will be required to submit a fresh application every other year.

3.3.3 Where circumstances change mid-year, a fresh application will be required.

3.3.4 All applications for travel assistance must be supported by appropriate evidence. Eligibility will be assessed by Cheshire East Council on an individual basis to identify particular travel requirements and based on the evidence provided.

3.3.5 Each case will be considered by the Council's Travel Assistance Panel. When reviewing applications, the panel will consider:

- The student's ability to use public transport, either accompanied or unaccompanied by a responsible adult;
- The family's access to a suitable vehicle;
- The length or complexity of the journey. Best practice suggests that a young person of 6th form age may reasonably be expected to travel up to 75 minutes each way to access learning. If parents or other family members are unable to take the student to their education/learning establishment, this must be fully explained in the application;
- The student's need for a passenger assistant;
- Financial circumstances of the family;
- Other circumstances relevant to each case.

3.3.6 In all cases, specific and up to date evidence from relevant health and/or educational appropriate professionals supporting the student will be required. Other supporting evidence may be requested to assist the panel in its decision making.

3.3.7 Where the Local Authority deems it to be appropriate, students who have not accessed public transport previously may be offered Independent Travel Training (ITT). The Local Authority will take into account the learner's individual needs in making its assessment. If a student is identified as ready to undertake ITT, refusal to participate may affect any future applications for travel assistance.

3.3.8 Information about receipt of a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) must also be provided for consideration by the panel.

3.3.9 Where travel assistance is agreed, the Local Authority may offer a financial contribution towards the cost of suitable travel to the nearest suitable establishment. The payment will be based on a mileage rate which will be reviewed annually and published on the Council's website. The total payment will be based on 2 return journeys per day of attendance with a maximum 190 days for an academic year. Payments will be made as per the **Education Travel Payments policy. Payments to Foster Carers will not usually be made as it is expected that transport arrangements will be as per Foster Care agreements and expenses reimbursed through Fostering allowances if appropriate.**

3.4. Summary of Payments

- Payments will be paid by bank transfer over an 11-month period from October to August inclusive and within the first 2 weeks of each month
- Payments will not be backdated
- Parents will be asked to sign a direct payment contract, which confirms parents and Local Authority responsibilities. This is to ensure that a student's attendance is not negatively affected by their travel to and from their place of learning. Full details are set out in the Local Authority's Education Travel Payments Policy
- For Post-16 students that have not already completed Independent Travel Training (ITT), an assessment of the suitability to receive ITT will be undertaken at the time eligibility for travel assistance is agreed. Where ITT is considered appropriate, temporary travel assistance will be agreed in the first instance with a review date being set to reassess eligibility for travel assistance on completion of the training

3.4.1 Where the offer of a payment under the Education Travel Payment policy is declined by the parent, the Local Authority will arrange suitable travel to the nearest suitable establishment, subject to a financial contribution being paid by parents. The financial contribution will be published on the Local Authority's website, for learners eligible for travel assistance from 1 September 2023. Flexible payment terms are available. Failure to make the financial contribution or maintain the flexible payment terms may result in travel assistance being withdrawn. Cheshire East Foster Carers of eligible Post-16 learners will be exempt from making this financial contribution.

3.4.2 Where a student with SEND is recognised as being particularly sensitive to change, the anticipated impact of any proposed change will be taken into consideration by the Local Authority. This will involve discussions with the education or training establishment and/or the parent.

4. Reviewing eligibility for Assistance

4.1 Applications for travel assistance **must** be made and submitted bi-annually even if circumstances are unchanged.

4.2 In every case, travel assistance will be reviewed following a house move, change in placement or course, or a change in the student's needs (condition, medication or equipment) or any other change in circumstances which may be relevant.

4.3 Parents are obliged to inform the council of any such changes. The Local Authority may undertake checks to ensure circumstances have not changed.

4.4 Where a financial contribution has been made for the full year by parents and circumstances change resulting in travel assistance no longer being required, a request for a pro-rata refund will be considered.

4.5 Incidents on school or college transport will be managed in accordance with the Local Authority's **Education Travel Behaviour Code**

(https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/school-transport-policies.aspx)

4.6 If a Post-16 student or parent disagrees with the Local Authority's decision to refuse travel assistance, they are entitled to request a review of the decision, as set out in the **Education Travel Appeals and Complaints Policy**.

(https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/school-transport-policies.aspx)

4.7 Parent/Carers may wish to purchase a 'spare seat', subject to availability. Details are available on the Council's website

(https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/paid-for-seat-scheme.aspx)

5. General Details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards

5.1 Cheshire East Council will, wherever possible, promote the use of concessions when agreeing to assisted travel. In addition, some sixth forms and further education (FE) colleges may operate or contract their own transport services where concessions apply. Appendix 1 is a list of Post-16 education providers in the area who regularly admit Cheshire East students.

5.2 Travel with any discounted passes or concessions will be subject to the terms of carriage by the operator. Students should contact the operator directly to enquire about any day/time restrictions.

5.3 Details of routes may be available on the individual sixth form or FE college website or by contacting the establishment directly. Students may wish to make enquiries with their chosen sixth form or FE college about what support is available to them.

5.4 A Disabled Person's Bus Pass gives free travel after 9.30am and half priced travel before 9.30am. If entitled, the Local Authority expects students to use it if they are able and if there is a suitable bus service.

6. General information on local travel support:

6.1 Travel Cheshire

Travel Cheshire is a website that provides information about local journeys – from cycling to driving and walking to public transport and includes a travel planner for working out the best way to make a journey in and around Cheshire.

www.travelcheshire.co.uk/

6.2 Public Transport

Some commercial transport operators offer discounts for regular travellers on their services. Further details about fares and concessions on commercial services can be obtained by contacting the operator direct or visiting the Council's public transport website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/travel. This site is regularly updated and provides a wealth of information which will support students/families in seeking assistance to travel.

6.3 Traveline

This is a partnership of transport companies, local authorities and passenger groups that have come together to bring routes and times for different travel requirements <https://www.traveline.info/about-traveline/traveline-services/> or by telephone on 0871 200 2233. Calls are charged at 12 pence per minute from landlines and cost more from mobile phones as mobile phone companies may add their own access charge.

6.4 Rail Services

6.4.1 Young people aged 16 or 17, can enjoy 50% off standard anytime, off-peak, advance and season tickets with a 16-17 Saver, which is £30 and is valid for one year or until the young person's 18th birthday, whichever comes first. For more information see the 16-17 saver website at: www.16-17saver.co.uk.

6.4.2 The Student Railcard offers considerable discounts over standard fares, but other cheaper fares are also available. For the best offers students should check with operators what choices are available for their journey at the time they wish to travel.

6.4.3 Information on student railcards can be obtained via the Railcard website at: <http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk> Additional information on rail fares and services can be obtained by ringing: 0870 608 2608.

6.5 Concessionary Schemes

Where there is spare capacity on the Local Authority's school bus contracts, it may be possible for students to apply for a spare seat. The Council's charge for a spare seat in 2017/18 was £920 per annum however for the 2018/19 academic year, a trial price of £460 per student was introduced to encourage learners to purchase a spare seat where they are available. The trial will continue for 2023-24. Spare seat applications can be made online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooltransport or by calling the Council on 0300 123 5012. Spare seats can be paid for on a termly or annual basis.

6.6 Travel Card

The Cheshire Travelcard offers quicker and easier boarding times and discounts on some tickets. Information is available on the following website www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport_and_roads/public_transport/bus_timetables_route_maps_and/travelcard.aspx

Contact details are travelcard@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or by telephone on 01244 973353.

6.7 16-19 Bursary Fund

6.7.1 Young people in care, recent care leavers, those in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own name, or in receipt of both Employment and Support Allowance and either Disability Living Allowance or a Personal Independence Payment in their own name could qualify for a vulnerable student bursary and receive a payment of up to £1,200.

6.7.2 For all other students the school or college will determine who will be assisted and what level of assistance will be offered. Information on the Bursary Fund can be requested from the school or college. Students aged over 19 are not eligible for the bursary unless they have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHP).

6.7.3 For students who need financial help but do not qualify for a vulnerable student bursary (as above) they should contact the education or training provider for information about discretionary bursaries. For more information www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/overview

6.8 Care to Learn

Care to Learn helps young parents aged below the age of 19 by assisting with the cost of childcare, regardless of their income, and will also help pay for travel to and from childcare if the cost falls within the weekly maximum payment made. To apply visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/how-to-claim or contact Student Bursary Support Services on 0800 121 8989.

6.9 The Student Bursary Support Service

The Student Bursary Support Service (SBSS) is an online service used to administer student support for the Care to Learn scheme and the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund for vulnerable students. The online system at www.gov.uk/guidance/student-bursary-support-service is for use by education institutions, childcare providers and for students. The system is easy to use, accessible and responsive. Alternatively, telephone 0800 121 8989 (NB students with queries about the 16 to 19 Bursary fund for vulnerable students should contact their education institution).

7. Support for students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course

7.1 It is the responsibility of sixth forms and FE colleges to decide how best to support their students who reach their 19th birthday whilst undertaking an education course and initial enquiries should be directed to individual providers.

7.2 For students aged 19 -25 with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) attending sixth form, college or other training providers, the Local Authority will

consider arrangements for the provision of assisted travel, as necessary, and in accordance with the policy for students with SEND, as set out in this statement.

7.3. How 19-25 students will be assessed for support

It will be a matter for individual sixth forms and FE colleges to determine level of support they make available, along with any associated eligibility criteria and to communicate this to students. Eligibility criteria may differ between establishments and will depend on the level of funds made available by each provider and how they believe they can best support students travel needs.

8. Mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport

8.1 Personal independence is a vital part of the transitional process. All students, particularly those aged between 16 and 20 years are encouraged to consider strategies to develop independence during their time at college. One way in which this is most effectively demonstrated is through independent travel to and from the College. Indeed, many of the skills needed to achieve this goal are transferable and of utmost importance in everyday life.

8.2 Courses on Life Skills may be offered at Colleges in Cheshire and a limited amount of independent travel training can be included in the syllabus. Potential students should enquire at their local College to see what is offered.

8.3 Sustainable transport. Sustrans (<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>) is the leading sustainable transport charity that provides practical advice for parents and young people to increase confidence in walking and cycling.

8.4 Students should contact the Post-16 provider to discuss options such as the provision and availability of peripatetic teachers, mobile provision and e-learning options.

9. When students should start to apply for transport support

9.1 It would be advisable to contact the preferred sixth form or FE college as soon as possible to enquire about what transport support may be available. The individual sixth form or college will be able to advise students of how and when to make an application for transport support.

9.2 Students applying to the Local Authority on the grounds of SEND will need to make their applications to the Local Authority as described in section 3.4.

10. Help students can apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond the Local Authority's area

As each sixth form or college is responsible for setting their own eligibility criteria, students should contact the establishment they wish to attend to enquire about what support is available for students travelling from outside the area. For students with SEND, this will be assessed through the EHCP process.

11. Help available for students who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away

Where a student with disabilities and/or special educational needs is placed at an establishment providing further education which is beyond reasonable daily travelling distance, the Local Authority will consider applications for termly transport for the student depending upon levels of need. Any arrangements would then be regularly monitored.

12. Appeals and Complaints

12.1 In certain circumstances, parents and students may request a review or appeal against the decision of the local authority in relation to transport for Post-16 students who are subject to a SEND assessment. Details of the process can be found in the **Education Travel Appeals and Complaints Policy** (<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/schools/school-travel-policies/education-travel-appeals-and-complaints-policy.pdf>)

12.2 Any complaints in relation to the level of support available for mainstream Post-16 students should be directed to the individual school or college.

Appendix 1

Special Schools within Cheshire East

Adelaide School

Adelaide Street, Crewe CW1 3DT

For further information call 01270 260680 or visit

<http://www.adelaideschool.net/>

Adelaide Heath Academy

Longridge, Knutsford WA16 8PA

For further information call 01565 746946 or visit

<https://www.adelaideheathacademy.net/>

Church Lawton School

Cherry Tree Avenue, Church Lawton, Cheshire ST7 3EL

For further information call 01270 877601 or visit

<https://www.churchlawtonschool.org.uk/>

David Lewis College

Mill Lane, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SK9 7UD

For further information call 01565 640000 or visit

<https://www.davidlewis.org.uk/>

Lavender Field School

Samuel Street, Crewe CW1 3AE

For further information call 01270 439005 or visit

<https://www.lavenderfieldschool.co.uk/>

Park Lane School

Park Lane, Macclesfield SK11 8JR

For further information call 01625 801964 or visit

www.parklaneschool.co.uk

Springfield School

Crewe Green Road, Crewe CW1 5HS

For further information call 01270 691900 or visit

<http://www.springfield.cheshire.sch.uk/website/contact/>

Mainstream Schools and Colleges within Cheshire East

Mainstream schools and colleges providing Post-16 education and training have supplied the following information about the travel assistance they intend to provide during the 2022-23 academic year. Additional information may be available at open evenings held at the school/college.

All Hallows Catholic College

Brooklands Avenue, Macclesfield. SK11 8LB

6th form students travelling to All Hallows Catholic College are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

For more information, access the college website or call 01625 426138.

www.allhallows.org.uk/bus-services

Alsager School

Hassall Road, Alsager. ST7 2HR

6th form students travelling to Alsager 6th Form College are able to access a mixture of privately arranged, Local Authority or Service Routes depending on the location.

For more information, access the school website or call 01270 871100

<https://www.alsagerschool.org/parents/transport/>

Brine Leas School & Sixth Form College

Audlem Road, Nantwich CW5 7DY

6th form students travelling to Brine Leas School are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available. For more information, access the school website <https://brineleas.co.uk/general-information/bl6-available-funding/> or call 01270 625663

Or for information on how to access transport for the main school, please contact Cheshire East Transport Services on 0300 123 5012

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/public_transport/school_transport/school_transport.aspx

Cheshire College, South and West

Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe CW2 8AB

All 16-19 year old students enrolled on a full-time course will be eligible to access free transport to and from College from a range of areas within Cheshire East and beyond including Shropshire and Staffordshire.

For more information, access the college website or call 01270 654654

<https://www.ccswh.ac.uk/life-at-ccsw/support/financial-support/>

Congleton High School

Box Lane, Congleton CW12 4NS

6th form students travelling to Congleton High School are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat. Free travel home may be available when students attend or assist with after school activities and clubs. Applications are invited for the Transport Bursary Fund.

For more information, access the school website or call 01260 730123

<https://congletonhigh.com/sixth-form/student-support>

Crewe Engineering & Design UTC

West Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2PZ

6th Form students travelling to Crewe Engineering and Design UTC are able to access a range of public transport including buses and trains as used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare or purchasing a seat, if available.

The University Technical College does not provide any direct transport to and from the College site. Travel maybe subsidised if you are eligible for a bursary and applications for travel bursaries are invited.

For more information, access the college website or call 01270 218150

<http://www.utccrewe.co.uk/>

Eaton Bank Academy

Jackson Road, Congleton CW12 1NT

6th form students travelling to Eaton Bank Academy are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available. Transport home may be available when students attend or assist with after school activities and clubs.

For more information, access the academy website or call 01260 273000

<https://www.eatonbankacademy.org/about-us/school-transport/>

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and 6th Form College

Selkirk Drive, Holmes Chapel CW4 7DX

6th form students travelling to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and 6th Form College are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

The school also arranges transport to and from Wincham.

For more information, access the school website or call 01477 689500

<https://www.hc6f.co.uk/information>

Knutsford Academy College and Studio School

Bexton Road, Knutsford WA16 0AE

6th form students travelling to Knutsford Academy and Studio School are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

For more information, access the school website or call 01565 633294

<https://www.knutsfordacademy.org.uk/>

Macclesfield College of Further and Higher Education

Park Lane, Macclesfield SK11 8LF

Macclesfield College provides a subsidised bus service for full-time 16-18 year old students who live outside a three mile radius of the College.

For more information, access the college website or call 01625 410000

<https://macclesfield.ac.uk>

Malbank School & Sixth Form College

Welsh Row, Nantwich CW5 5HD

6th form students travelling to Malbank School & Sixth Form College are able to access transport to and from a number of local areas including Crewe, Wrenbury, Shavington, Wistaston and Willaston. The college does offer financial support for travel to college, subject to means testing.

For more information, access the school website or call 01270 611009

<https://www.malbank.com/page/?title=School+Transport+Information&pid=122>

Poynton High School & Performing Arts College

Yew Tree Lane, Poynton SK12 1PU

6th form students travelling to Poynton High School and Performing Arts College are able to access the transport used by younger students through the guaranteed seat system, by purchasing a travel ticket via

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/poynton-high-school-transport.aspx

Transport is available from Disley, Bollington, Marple, Macclesfield and Cheadle Hulme. For more information, access the school website or call 01625 871811

<https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Transport+Information&pid=41>

Reaseheath College

Nantwich CW5 6DF

Students travelling to Reaseheath College are able to access dedicated college buses to and from locations within Cheshire East and other areas including Stoke, Staffordshire, Chester, Warrington and Ellesmere Port.

For more information, access the college website or call 01270 625131

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/studying-at-reaseheath/transport/>

Sandbach School (Boys)

Crewe Road, Sandbach CW11 3NS

6th form students travelling to Sandbach School are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

For more information, access the school website or call 01270 758870

<https://sandbachschool.org/parents-students/transport/>

Sandbach High School & Sixth Form College

Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 3NT

6th form students travelling to Sandbach High School and Sixth Form College are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available

For more information, access the school website or call 01270 765031

<http://sandbachhigh.co.uk/transport/>

The Fallibroome Academy

Priory Lane, Macclesfield SK10 4AF

6th form students travelling to Fallibroome Academy and Sixth Form College are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

The school also arranges private transport to and from Wilmslow.

For more information, access the college website or call 01625 827898

<https://fallibroome.academy/transport/>

Tytherington High School

Manchester Road, Macclesfield SK10 2EE

6th form students travelling to Tytherington High School are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

For more information, access the college website or call 01625 610220

<http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/>

Wilmslow High School

Holly Road, Wilmslow SK9 1LZ

6th form students travelling to Wilmslow High School are able to access the transport used by younger students, either by paying a daily fare where available or purchasing a spare seat, if available.

For more information, access the school website or call 01625 526191

<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/about-us/>

Schools and Colleges Outside of Cheshire East

The following public information has been compiled to enable ease of access for learners and their parents.

Aquinas College

Nangreave Road, Stockport SK2 6TH

For further information call 0161 483 3237 or visit

<http://www.aquinas.ac.uk/>

Aurora School - Hanley (Part of the Aurora Group)

Cambrian Way, off Eaves Lane, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent ST2 8PQ

For further information call 01782 973 737 or visit

<https://www.theauroragroup.co.uk/sen-special-needs-schools/independent-education-staffordshire>

Bishop Heber High School

Chester Road, Malpas SY14 8JD

For further information call 01948 860571 or visit

<https://www.bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk/>

Buxton & Leek College

Buxton Campus: Devonshire Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6RY

Leek Campus: Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 6DP

For further information call 0800 074 0099

<https://www.blc.ac.uk/>

Cheadle College (part of the Trafford College Group)

Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport SK8 5HA

For further information call 0161 486 4600

<https://cheadle.ac.uk/>

City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College

Leek Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 2RU

For further information call 01782 848736 or visit

<http://www.stokesfc.ac.uk/contact/getting-here/>

Greenbank School

Greenbank Lane, Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 1LD

For further information call 01606 663820

<http://www.greenbankschool.org/>

Hebden Green Community School

Woodford Lane West, Winsford CW7 4EJ

For further information call 01606 594221

<http://www.hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk/>

Inscape House School (part of Together Trust)

Trust Centre, Schools Hill, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 1JE

For further information call 0161 283 4750 or visit

<https://www.togethertrust.org.uk/inscape-house-school>

The Meadows School

Springfield Road, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 6EU

For further information call 01538 225050 or 225060, or visit

<https://www.themeadows.staffs.sch.uk/>

Newfriars College (Formerly Blackfriars FE Department)

Castle Grove off Newhouse Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent ST2 8BH

For further information, call 01782 987 180 or visit

<https://www.newfriarscollege.org.uk/>

Oaklands School

Montgomery Way, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 1NU

For further information call 01606 551 048 or visit

<https://www.oaklandsschool.org.uk/>

Petty Pool College

Pool Lane, Sandiway, Cheshire CW8 2DR

For further information call 01606 889097 or visit

<https://www.pettypool.org.uk/>

Pinc College (formerly known as Project Inc.)

The Heritage Centre, Rose Street, Macclesfield SK11 6UT

For further information call 0161 667 0910 or visit

<https://pinccollege.co.uk/home/>

Seashell Trust

Stanley Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 6RQ

For further information call 0161 610 0100 or visit

<https://www.seashelltrust.org.uk/>

Sir John Deane's College

Monarch Drive, Kingsmead, Northwich CW9 8AF

For further information call 01606 810020 or visit

<http://www.sjd.ac.uk/search/transport>

St Nicholas Catholic High School & Sixth Form College

Greenbank Lane, Northwich CW8 1JW

For further information call 01606 706000 or visit

<https://st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk>

Stockport College

Wellington Road, Stockport SK1 3UQ

For further information call 0161 296 5000 or visit

<https://stockport.ac.uk/>

Stoke-on-Trent College

Cauldron Campus - Stoke Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 2DG

Burslem Campus - Moorland Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 1JJ

For further information call 01782 208 208 or visit

<https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/>

Tarporley High School & Sixth Form College

Eaton Road, Tarporley CW6 0BL

For further information call 01829 732558 or visit

<http://www.tarporleyhigh.co.uk/>

Trafford College

Manchester Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5PQ

For further information call 0161 886 7070 or visit

<http://www.trafford.ac.uk/>

Warrington and Vale Royal College

Warrington Campus - Winwick Road, Warrington, Cheshire WA2 8QA

Winsford Campus - Weaver Street, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 4AH

For further information call 01925 494 494 or visit

<https://www.wvr.ac.uk>

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GENERAL APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED ON THE DAY

1	Appellants arrive at Reception and will wait in the appointed waiting area.
2	Members assemble in meeting room. They will be joined by the Committee Officer and the Legal Clerk to discuss any preliminary issues, but not the cases themselves.
3	The Legal Clerk will then meet the Appellants and explain the procedure to them.
4	The Legal Clerk will bring the first Appellant into the meeting.
5	The Chairman will welcome all to the meeting and will invite Members and Officers to introduce themselves.
6	The Presenting Officer will present the case for the Authority.
7	The Appellant to ask questions of the Presenting Officer, by way of clarification.
8	Sub-Committee Members to ask questions of the Local Authority Presenting Officer.
9	The Appellant presents their case.
10	The Presenting Officer to ask questions of the Appellant by way of clarification.
11	Sub-Committee Members to ask questions of the Appellant.
12	The Local Authority Presenting Officer to sum up the Authority's case.
13	The Appellant to sum up their case.
14	The Presenting Officer and Appellant to withdraw from the meeting.
15	The Committee reaches its decision, advised by the Legal Clerk .

Note: Neither the Presenting Officer nor the Appellants are permitted to be in the Committee Room in the absence of the other.

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