



# Post 16 transport to education and training policy statement 2023/24



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This policy statement is updated on an annual basis. If you have any comments or feedback, please email [post16participation@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:post16participation@lancashire.gov.uk).



## Introduction

Every local authority in England has a statutory duty to prepare and publish an annual post 16 transport policy statement. This must comply with the requirements of section 509AA of the Education Act 1996 regarding the adequate provision of transport to facilitate the attendance of persons of sixth form age receiving education or training. It must be noted that, whilst there is a requirement to publish a policy statement, there is no requirement on local authorities to provide free or subsidised post 16 travel support.

'Sixth form age' refers to those young people who are over 16 years of age but under 19 or continuing learners who started their programme of learning before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday (academic years 12, 13 or 14).

This policy statement sets out the transport support available to young people of sixth form age and young people up to the age of 25 who have a special educational need or disability (SEND) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are entering or continuing in further education or learning.

## Policy statement aim

The policy statement aims to provide information regarding the transport support available for young people in the age groups stated above who are resident in Lancashire and are accessing post 16 education and training in the academic year 2022/23. This is intended to encourage participation by removing transport as a barrier to learning.

The information within this statement is accurate at the time of publication.

## Transport and travel support

### Discounted travel schemes available from public transport providers

The provision of public transport in and around Lancashire is largely undertaken by local commercial bus operators. Most operators offer discounted tickets or travel passes to students. Students and their families are encouraged to check their travel options when making a decision about their post 16 education. To assist with this, details of the main commercial bus operators in Lancashire can be found at annex 1 and this includes details of the discount schemes currently available to students.

Young people on an apprenticeship may also be eligible for discounted travel through local bus companies. For more information, please contact the relevant public transport provider using the details found at annex 1. Further information about local authority travel support for young people on an apprenticeship can be found on page 13.

The Government has extended its [Get Around for £2 by bus scheme](#) until the 30 June 2023. [Participating bus operators](#) will charge no more than £2 for a single ticket. A number of the operators set out in Annex 1 are part of this scheme.



## Rail travel

With regard to rail travel, young people aged between 16 and 25 are able to apply for a 16-25 railcard. This railcard entitles the holder to a third off rail fares. People aged over 25 and in full time education can also apply. More information on this railcard can be found on the [16-25 Railcard website](#).

Northern Rail offer a 16-17 Saver Railcard, which is valid for one year or until your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever comes first. This railcard entitles the holder to 50% of Standard, Anytime, Off-Peak, Advance and Season tickets across England and Wales. There are no time restrictions and no minimum fares. For more information, visit the [Northern Rail website](#).

For more information on planning a journey, such as timetables and departure times, please visit the [Traveline](#) website or call them on 0871 200 2233.

## Travel support from further education colleges

All of the colleges within Lancashire and the neighbouring areas of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen offer travel passes or subsidised/discounted tickets to 16-18 year old students. Students and their families are advised to contact their preferred college directly to discuss transport and travel support. To assist with this, details of the colleges in Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen can be found at annex 2 and this includes details of the discount schemes currently available to students.

Where a student has applied for support directly from a further education college but this has not been successful, the complaints/appeals process specific to that institution must be followed.

## Government Funded Schemes

### The 16-19 Bursary Fund

The 16-19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific financial barriers to participation so they can remain in education. There are two types of 16-19 bursaries and these are:

- Bursaries for defined vulnerable groups of up to £1,200 a year. The defined vulnerable groups are students who are:
  - in care
  - care leavers
  - in receipt of income support or universal credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
  - in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as either Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right
- Discretionary bursaries which institutions award to meet the needs of individual students, for example, to help with the cost of transport, meals,



books and equipment. Individual institutions set their own eligibility criteria for discretionary bursaries, in line with the Department for Education's funding rules.

Schools and colleges are responsible for managing both types of bursary. Students and their families are advised to contact their preferred school sixth form, academy sixth form or college to understand their discretionary bursary fund eligibility criteria or to make an application.

A student must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31 August 2023 to be eligible for help from the bursary fund in the 2023/24 academic year. Students aged over 19 can apply for the discretionary bursary if they have an EHCP or are continuing on a course they started aged between 16 and 18. Students aged over 19 are not eligible for bursaries for vulnerable groups.

More information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund, such as the eligibility criteria, can be found on the GOV.UK website at [16 to 19 Bursary Fund](#).

### Care to Learn

The Care to Learn scheme provides funding for childcare to help young parents (defined as those aged under 20 at the start of their course) continue in, and return to, education after the birth of a child. The scheme provides funding for childcare whilst the young parent is engaged in learning and is not able to provide care for their child. It can also help with any additional travel costs involved in taking the child to the childcare provider. Travel payments go directly to the student's school or college and they will either make a payment to the student directly or will make the travel arrangements on their behalf. The scheme is available for publicly funded courses in England, including courses in schools, school sixth forms, sixth form colleges, other colleges and learning providers and children's centres.

The eligibility criteria for the scheme includes the following:

- You are a parent under the age of 20 at the start of your course
- You must be the main carer and in receipt of child benefit for the child(ren) for whom you are claiming Care to Learn
- You must be living in England
- Your course qualifies – your learning provider can confirm if a course is eligible
- Your childcare provider qualifies.

More information about the Care to Learn scheme, including the full eligibility criteria, can be found by visiting [Care to Learn](#) by calling the Student Bursary Support Service on 0800 121 8989 or by visiting the [online portal](#).



## Discretionary Learner Support

If you are aged 19 or over, on a further education course and facing financial hardship, you could access learner support funding. This funding can help pay for things like accommodation and travel, course materials and childcare. Learning providers administer their own schemes and they will determine how much funding a student is awarded. They will also determine how this funding is paid to the student.

For more information, students aged 19 and over are advised to contact the student support service at their chosen college to discuss this funding and their application process. You can also contact [National Careers Service](#) about other funding you may be able to access.

More information about learner support is available at [Learner Support](#).

## Residential Bursary Fund

The Residential Bursary Fund (RBF) is intended to support 16-18 year old students who are participating in a specialist subject at a designated provider. The provision being accessed is mainly, but not exclusively, land-based provision. The RBF is not intended to support students accessing general provision which is widely available, such as A levels – if it is being used in this way, this must be a genuine exception based on the individual's circumstances. Students aged over 19 are only eligible for the RBF if they are continuing on a study programme they started aged between 16 and 18 or if they have an EHCP.

The RBF provides financial help towards the cost of residential accommodation for students attending one of the designated institutions delivering specialist provision. This type of provision would not be available locally and/or requires the student to attend at unsociable hours on a regular basis and consequently, the student needs to live away from home.

In Lancashire, Myerscough College is a recipient of the RBF. Students wishing to access specialist provision at the college can contact the finance office at Myerscough College on 01995 642398 or email [bursary@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@myerscough.ac.uk) to discuss if they are eligible for residential bursary support.

You can find more information about the [Residential Bursary Fund](#) on GOV.UK, including the full eligibility criteria.

## Residential Support Scheme

The Residential Support Scheme (RSS) is designed for the exceptional situations where the same or similar substantial level 2 or level 3 qualification a student wishes to study cannot be accessed locally, within a reasonable daily travelling distance of their home address. A reasonable daily travelling distance is defined as a daily return journey which takes 2 hours or less on public transport; or a distance of less than 15 miles from the student's home or term time lodgings to their chosen institution. Most students supported by the RSS tend to live in rural areas and have limited access to a wide range of 16-18 further education provision. Students must apply for the RSS through their chosen institution.



To be eligible, you must be aged 16 or over but under 19 on 31 August 2023. Students aged 19 or over are eligible if they are continuing on a study programme they started aged between 16 and 18 or if they have an EHCP.

You can find more information about the [Residential Support Scheme](#) on GOV.UK, including the full eligibility criteria.

### **Support for young people who have a special educational need or disability or an Education, Health and Care Plan**

Prior to the end of Year 11, LCC will work with parents, the young person, if 16 years or over, and the young person's current school to determine what support is required to enable travel to and from their future post 16 setting. This will be done through the Inclusion Service's SEND Team.

In line with the Preparing for Adulthood agenda of encouraging independence and building self-esteem, support for travel to a post 16 education or training provider will take the following form:

- mainstream public transport;
- independent travel training;
- contracted transport from pick up and drop off points or a transport assistant grant; and
- in exceptional circumstances, contracted transport from home.

Where transport assistance is provided, it will be at the start and end of the post 16 education or training provider's day and not around the individual's bespoke timetable.

There is no automatic entitlement to free home to school/provider transport if a young person is over the age of 16 at the beginning of the academic year (1 September 2023). This is regardless of whether they are working a year behind. Those who do not qualify for financial support under LCC's post 16 home to school travel assistance policy will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the school/provider. Colleges can advise and investigate if a young person is eligible for free or subsidised transport (conditions apply).

For more information, please visit the special educational needs and disabilities section of LCC's website which can be found [here](#).

Students with a special educational need or disability or an EHCP maintained by LCC

Generally, travel assistance will only be considered to the nearest provider with post 16 provision which, in the opinion of LCC, offers an appropriate course. An appropriate course is one that enables the young person to meet their learning and/or employment objectives or is specifically designed to meet the student's special educational needs. The following conditions also apply:





- The young person is under 19 years old when they start their course; and
- The distance between the young person's home and their education provider is more than three miles by the nearest suitable walking route.

Home to school/provider transport assistance will be considered for young people aged 16-19 who are attending their nearest appropriate school/provider which is within the three mile walking distance if they could not be reasonably expected to walk there, accompanied as necessary, by reason of their SEND or mobility difficulties. Cases are considered on an individual basis and medical evidence is required before transport assistance is agreed.

Where a young person is able to access and use the public transport network safely, they will be expected to do so. Where appropriate, passenger assistant support will be provided for a period of time to support the young person to develop independent travel skills.

No assistance will be provided under this policy for the following:

- A student who is aged 19 or above when they start a further education course;
- A student choosing to attend a part time course, which is less than 12 hours; or
- A student undertaking a higher education course.

A Post 19 policy is being developed in line with section 508F of the Education Act 1996. It will be consulted on prior to implementation. Applications for transport should continue to be made to the relevant Inclusion Service Area Teams as shown in the table below:

Area	Phone	Email
North – Fylde, Wyre and Lancaster	01524 581200	<a href="mailto:Inclusion.North@lancashire.gov.uk">Inclusion.North@lancashire.gov.uk</a>
South – Chorley, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Preston	01772 531597	<a href="mailto:Inclusion.South@lancashire.gov.uk">Inclusion.South@lancashire.gov.uk</a>
East – Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, Burnley and Pendle	01254 220553	<a href="mailto:Inclusion.East@lancashire.gov.uk">Inclusion.East@lancashire.gov.uk</a>

Any student who is unable to attend a full time course by reason of their disabilities may be considered for transport assistance. However, any application must be supported by clear evidence from the school/provider and/or medical professionals working with the student.

Where travel assistance is provided, it would normally consist of a maximum of one outward journey and one return journey from home to setting/designated pick up and drop off points. For young people who have been placed in residential provision by LCC, transport assistance would normally consist of one outward and one return journey per term.



It is also important to bear in mind that the decision to provide transport is based on the young person's needs. This means that LCC is not able to take the following into account when considering home to school/provider transport entitlement:

- Parents' work or other commitments
- Attendance by siblings at other schools
- A journey from one educational establishment to another
- Ad hoc visits to other schools, colleges or other establishments
- Out of hours clubs.

The provision of transport will be reviewed as part of the annual review of the EHCP.

#### Attendance at a school/provider outside of Lancashire

If a young person chooses to undertake a full time further education course at a school or provider outside of Lancashire, travel costs will only be met if the school or provider attended is the nearest one providing an appropriate course and the journey is three miles or more. If a place is available on a comparable course at a nearer school or provider in Lancashire, no assistance will be provided.

#### Passenger assistants

There is no specific duty on LCC to provide passenger assistants for young people carried on home to school/provider transport. However, fulfilling a duty of care to passengers and others may involve the provision of a passenger assistant.

A passenger assistant may be provided to accompany a young person with significant needs arising from a medical condition or a disability and where there is an exceptional need for care or supervision. The decision on whether to provide a passenger assistant will be made as part of the transport application evaluation, taking a number of factors into account. Such factors may include information relating, but not limited, to:

- medical issues
- health and safety related issues, including risk to self or others
- the young person's mobility
- any challenging behaviour arising from the young person's SEND
- where a passenger has severe learning or physical difficulties, the need for continual care and supervision
- age and capability
- length of journey
- the vehicle type and size.

A 1:1 passenger assistant will only be provided where there is substantial evidence which demonstrates a young person may be at significant risk or may pose a significant risk to others on the same route if they travel without supervision. Any assessment for an individual passenger assistant must be supported by detailed evidence which clearly demonstrates the nature and level of risk to themselves and/or others.



In exceptional cases and where a young person has a severe medical condition which requires support during transportation, professional medical support may be provided. Any assessment for this level of support must be supported by detailed evidence which clearly demonstrates the nature and level of risk to the individual.

Where a passenger assistant is provided, they will:

- travel with the young person from a designated pick up point to an agreed drop off point;
- assist with entry to and exit from the vehicle;
- ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, a safe journey for the young person and other passengers;
- provide a caring environment whilst on the vehicle; and
- act as an extended communication channel between home, the transport service and school.

A passenger assistant may supervise more than one young person on a journey, consistent with providing the appropriate level of service for each individual whilst they are on the vehicle.

First aid may only be given by a passenger assistant trained to do so. A passenger assistant will only administer any form of medication in an emergency, and only to a young person who has a known medical condition and who has the appropriate medication or specific instructions with them; and then only when the passenger assistant has been specifically trained to administer the medication or appropriate intervention. In an emergency situation, a passenger assistant will call 999 and as best as they can, place the young person in a comfortable and safe position.

In cases where a young person has a severe medical condition and requires support during transportation, professional medical advice will be sought as to what level of support is required.

Where a young person requires a passenger assistant and has a regular carer through a Social Care package and using this carer would not place an undue burden on public expenditure and ease the transport for the young person, the Inclusion Service and Transport Department will liaise to facilitate the use of this carer as the transport passenger assistant.

Parents/carers/young people must provide details of all up-to-date information regarding the young person's/their needs. Once transport with a passenger assistant has been arranged, parents/carers/young person must provide full details of any changes in the young person's/their needs and circumstances, including any information specific to the journey, in writing to the Inclusion Service Area Teams. The contact details of the area teams can be found in the table on page 8.

#### Route reviews

Over a period of time, the young people travelling to a school/provider may change as some young people will leave and some will join. Sometimes the needs of the young people travelling also change.



Our transport teams regularly review transport operators and individual transport routes to make sure that they meet the needs of the young people travelling as much as possible, as well as delivering best value for public expenditure.

It is not possible to consult with parents/carers/young people as part of an operator or route review. This is to enable operator/route reviews to be carried out in a timely and efficient manner and to avoid raising expectations that preference for a particular form of provision will override the cost-effectiveness or efficiency. However, where a young person's EHCP indicates that they are particularly sensitive to change, the impact of any proposed change will be considered. This may involve discussion with the school/provider or the parent.

Parents/carers/young people may receive notification at any time that the type of transport provision for their young person's/their school/provider transport is to be changed as a result of a review. Changes may involve:

- changes to the contractor employed
- changes to Passenger Assistant provision
- changes to timings.

Notice will be given of changes wherever possible, but some may need to be made at very short notice, for example as a result of termination of a contract with a vehicle operator or sickness.

Further support for students with a disability

In addition, students with a disability, if eligible, can apply for the NoWcard. The NoWcard is part of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme and is jointly operated by Cumbria and Lancashire County Councils and Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Borough Councils to enable concessionary bus travel for both older and disabled residents.

You can apply for a pass which will entitle holders to free off-peak travel, between 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and on bank holidays, on local bus services throughout England.

The scheme is open to all citizens over the age of 5 who:

- are registered blind or partially sighted
- are registered profoundly or severely deaf
- are without speech
- have a long term and substantial disability that means they cannot walk or which makes walking very difficult
- have a learning disability that is a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning
- do not have both arms or have long term loss of the use of both arms
- would be refused a driving license under Section 92 of the Road Traffic Act (1998), otherwise than on the ground of persistent drug or alcohol misuse.



To apply for a NoWcard, Lancashire residents should contact the NoWcard helpline on 0300 123 6737 or visit the [NoWcard website](#) for more information.

### Independent travel training

Travel training helps people develop the skills they need to travel independently and safely on public transport, by foot or by bike. It aims to help people travel on their own without fear so they can get to work, to education, or places where they want to go to for leisure.

The Inclusion Service can refer people for [independent travel training](#) if they are eligible. For more information, follow the link provided. Alternatively, please email [independenttraveltraining@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:independenttraveltraining@lancashire.gov.uk) or phone your local [Inclusion Service Area Team](#).

In addition, colleges may provide training and support for independent travel. Students and their families are advised to contact their preferred college directly to discuss whether this is available.

### Local authority transport information

#### Travel to a school sixth form

Students attending a school sixth form in Lancashire may be able to travel on a contracted school bus service provided by LCC, subject to the availability of places. Please note that fees would apply. In addition, some schools organise their own transport for sixth form students. Please contact your preferred school directly to determine if this is available.

You can find more information on school bus season tickets, such as the availability of a place or the price of a season ticket, on the [school bus season tickets webpage](#). Alternatively, please contact the School Transport Enquiry Line on 0300 123 6738 or email [schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk).

Financial support towards the fees may be available through the 16-19 Bursary Fund. Students and their families are advised to contact their preferred school sixth form to understand their discretionary bursary fund eligibility criteria or to make an application.

#### Travel to a special school

Lancashire County Council provides a home to school transport service for students with SEND up to the age of 19 if they are continuing to attend a special school, subject to eligibility for transport assistance.

Some students, subject to eligibility for transport assistance, attending a special school in Lancashire may be able to travel on a contracted school bus service provided by LCC, subject to the availability of places. Please note that fees would apply.



You can find more information on school bus season tickets, such as the availability of a place or the price of a season ticket, on the [school bus season tickets webpage](#). Alternatively, please contact the School Transport Enquiry Line on 0300 123 6738 or email [schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk).

Financial support towards the fees may be available through the 16-19 Bursary Fund. Students and their families are advised to contact their preferred special school to understand their discretionary bursary fund eligibility criteria or to make an application.

#### Young people not in education, employment or training

Lancashire County Council currently provides young people with support for travel costs to assist them into education, employment or training. This is in the form of free bus travel within a designated travel area and is for all young people aged 16-18 who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). The scheme also includes young parents and young carers who are aged 16-18.

Young people who are eligible to access this travel support will be contacted by LCC and will be invited to join the scheme. LCC will also provide young people with support in relation to the application process, where required.

As there is no statutory requirement for the local authority to provide free or subsidised post 16 travel support, LCC reserves the right to cease this support at any time if a decision is taken to do so.

#### Young people on an apprenticeship

Lancashire County Council currently provides young people and 16-18 with support for travel costs to assist them in attending their apprenticeship through a number of colleges in Lancashire, as well as those being accessed through the Lancashire Teaching Hospitals. Similar to the NEET scheme referenced above, this support takes the form of free bus travel within a designated travel area. If you are eligible for this transport support, your apprenticeship provider will make you aware of this and will submit an application to LCC on your behalf.

Please note that not all colleges/apprenticeship providers participate in this scheme so please contact your college or provider to determine if this support is available.

As there is no statutory requirement for the local authority to provide free or subsidised post 16 travel support, LCC reserves the right to cease this support at any time if a decision is taken to do so.

### **Complaints and appeals**

Should you wish to make a complaint to LCC in relation to this policy statement, please visit the relevant section of the website, which can be accessed [here](#). Alternatively, you can call 0300 123 6701, email [complaintsandfeedback@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:complaintsandfeedback@lancashire.gov.uk) or write to the following address:



Complaints and Appeals Team  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Lancashire County Council  
Christ Church Precinct  
County Hall  
Preston  
PR1 8XJ

With regard to transport provision for young people with SEND or with an EHCP, parents or young people can appeal against a decision not to provide transport, the mode of transport or passenger assistance if they feel there are exceptional circumstances. The Student Support Appeals Committee will consider any written information provided to support your appeal but you will not be allowed to present this information in person. The Student Support Appeals Panel decision is final unless there is a significant change in your circumstances which means the appeal should be reconsidered.

If you wish to submit an appeal, please contact your local [area education office](#).



## Useful links and contacts

[Public Transport Information](#) – for information on public transport within the county, including bus timetables and ticket prices.

[Alternative Ways to Travel](#) – for information on cycling, walking and car sharing across Lancashire.

The Student Transport Enquiry Line can be contacted on 0300 123 6738 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, please email [schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk).

[Traveline](#) – for information on bus and rail travel as well as a journey planner.

[GOV.UK subsidised transport for 16-19yr olds in education](#) – this government website allows you to find your local council, who will have information on the services, discounts and concessions available in your local area for travel to a school sixth form or college.

[Access to Work](#) – this government funding can help you get support to do your job or get to and from work if you are aged 16 or over and have a physical or mental health condition or disability. This includes transport support.

For information on the post 16 transport arrangements in the neighbouring local authority areas of Blackpool and Blackburn, these can be accessed from the following websites:

- [Blackpool Council](#)
- [Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council](#)





## Annex 1

### Public transport concessions for young people

#### Transdev (Lancashire Bus)

Transdev run several bus services throughout East Lancashire in and around Burnley, Pendle, Blackburn, Darwen, Hyndburn and Rossendale, with regular services to and across North Manchester, Preston, Bolton, Chorley and North and West Yorkshire.

Transdev operate a [travel scheme for under 19's](#) who get 1/3 off bus travel, with weekly and monthly tickets available. More information, including buses to specific colleges and school sixth forms, can be found on their website.

For more details, please visit the [Lancashire Bus website](#).

#### Arriva

Arriva operate [Student Saver tickets](#) for anyone in post 16 full time education with a valid student ID. This entitles the holder to discounted fares, unlimited travel on most Arriva services all day, every day and there is a choice of tickets – daily, weekly, termly or for the academic year.

For more details, please visit the [Arriva Bus website](#).

#### Blackpool Transport

Operates bus routes across Fleetwood, Thornton Cleveleys, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool and Lytham St Annes.

A [16-21 Young Person ticket](#) can be purchased for a day, a week or 30 days travel. Proof of age is required to purchase and travel with a 16-21 Young Person ticket. For students enrolled at either Blackpool and the Fylde College or The Blackpool Sixth Form College, [College Student tickets](#) are also available.

For more details, please visit the [Blackpool Transport website](#) or call 01253 473001.

#### Lancashire County Council's tendered local bus service network

The county council offers under 19's reduced fares on the tendered local bus service network across the county, covering many rural and urban communities. Discounted day and weekly tickets are also available for unlimited travel on these bus services.

For full details of the services covered and availability, please the [local bus tickets](#) page.



## **Preston Bus**

Information on tickets and bus services/routes can be found on the website provided. Information is also available on [college services](#). Discounted tickets can be purchased from student services at these colleges.

For more details, please visit the [Preston Bus website](#) or call 01772 253671.

## **Stagecoach**

Services are operated in North and South Lancashire and [student bus passes and tickets](#) are available. A current student ID card with a photo are required to buy a Stagecoach student ticket.

For more details, please visit the [Stagecoach website](#).

## **Pilkington Bus**

Services are operated in East Lancashire and the Ribble Valley.

Tickets are available for young people under 19 years old. Information on ticket options and prices can be found on the Pilkington Bus app.

For more details, please visit the [Pilkington Bus website](#) or call 01254 237083.

## **Coastliner**

Services are operated in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Students aged 16-18 years old are eligible for [discounted fares](#).

For more details, please visit the [Coastliner Buses website](#) or call 01253 761739.



## Annex 2

### Support available from colleges in the wider Lancashire area

#### **Accrington and Rossendale College**

Broad Oak Campus, Broad Oak Road, Accrington, BB5 2AW

The college is well served by public transport and there are a wide range of travel options to get to the college. Students can park at the college and can also use the large covered bike shed.

All 16-18 year old students are eligible for subsidised termly bus passes, which are available to purchase from Student Services.

Students with a household income below £31,496 per year can apply for free bus travel.

For more details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, please visit the [Accrington and Rossendale College website](#).

Alternatively, contact the Student Services Team on 01254 354143 or email [studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk).

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#### **Blackburn College**

Feilden Street, Blackburn, BB2 1LH

The college is located a few minutes' walk from the bus and train stations. Bicycle parking bays are provided for students to use.

Eligible students who live more than a mile away from college may be offered a free bus pass. This is subject to satisfactory attendance.

Low cost bus passes are available to students who are not eligible for a free pass.

Further information on bus passes can be found on the [Blackburn College website](#). Alternatively, email [studentfinance@blackburn.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@blackburn.ac.uk).

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#### **Blackpool and the Fylde College**

Ashfield Road, Blackpool, FY2 0HB

Students may be able to access a free 24/7 Blackpool Transport bus pass to help with the cost of travelling to and from college. The eligibility criteria are set out in the financial support link provided.

The college provides a free shuttle bus service between Poulton-le-Fylde and the Bispham campus, which runs Monday to Friday during term time. Information on the routes and stops for this service can be found on the college website, through the Bispham link provided.

Students aged 16-19 years old can purchase a discounted 30 Day Student Ticket on the Blackpool Transport website or mobile app. See the link provided above.



For more details on transport/travel, financial support for 16-18 year olds and the car share scheme, please visit [Blackpool and The Fylde College Financial Support](#) or [Bispham Campus Shuttle Bus](#).

Alternatively, email student support at [ssfunds@blackpool.ac.uk](mailto:ssfunds@blackpool.ac.uk).

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### **Burnley College**

Princess Way, Burnley, BB12 0AN

The college campus is within easy reach of public transport links, the motorway network and cycle routes.

Bus passes can be purchased from the college each term. Students with 100% attendance will be reimbursed for the full price of their ticket.

Students may be eligible for free travel, depending on their household income.

The college also has a cycle hire scheme for students.

Further information on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, such as bus routes and bike hire, can be found on the [Burnley College website](#). Alternatively, call student services on 01282 733373 or email [s.services@burnley.ac.uk](mailto:s.services@burnley.ac.uk).

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### **Cardinal Newman College**

Lark Hill Road, Preston, PR1 4HD

The college is situated within five minutes' walk from Preston bus station and the city centre and is also within fifteen minutes' walk from the railway station. There are a variety of cycle routes into the city and there is provision to store your bicycle within the college grounds. Free parking is also available for students, but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The college can offer discounted travel tickets on local bus services in the area. The tickets allow travel at any time, including weekends and in the college holidays.

Price information and bus routes can be found on the [Cardinal Newman College website](#), as well as information on travelling by bike and how to plan your journey.

Alternatively, call the Student Services Team on 01772 460181 or email [studentservices@cardinalnewman.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@cardinalnewman.ac.uk).

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### **Lancaster and Morecambe College**

Morecambe Road, Lancaster, LA1 2TY

The college offers students studying at least 14 hours a week daily return transport across various routes during term time.

Full time students from the Garstang and Galgate areas can apply for a free bus pass to use scheduled buses. For more information, contact student services on the phone number or email address provided.



Students who do not live on a college bus route may still qualify for free or discounted travel to college. Students who live more than 1.5 miles from college and have a household income below £35,000 per annum will be provided with a Stagecoach bus pass, which can also be used at evenings and weekends.

All students who are not eligible for a free bus pass can buy a discounted bus pass from the college, which can also be used at evenings and weekends.

Further information on prices, routes and timetables can be found on the [Lancaster and Morecambe College website](#).

Alternatively, call the college on 01524 521469 or email [info@lmc.ac.uk](mailto:info@lmc.ac.uk).

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### **Myerscough College**

St Michael's Road, Bilsborrow, Preston, PR3 0RY

The college provides direct student bus services from various locations across the county. All the 40 and 41 scheduled bus services from Preston to Lancaster will stop at The Roebuck in Bilsborrow. The college operates a shuttle bus service to and from this bus stop every 20 minutes.

More details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, including frequently asked questions about bus services to the college and information on timetables, routes and prices, can be found on the [Myerscough College website](#).

Alternatively, email the college at [transport@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:transport@myerscough.ac.uk).

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### **Nelson and Colne College**

Scotland Road, Nelson, BB9 7YT

There are a wide range of travel options to get to the college. The college is located just off the motorway and is well served by public transport. Students can park at the college and can also use the large covered bike shed.

All 16-18 year old students are eligible for subsidised termly bus passes, which are available to buy from the college. Students may be eligible for free bus travel if their household income is under £35,000. Students who are entitled to support from the college bursary fund are eligible for a free termly bus pass.

Transdev passes are valid on all services within the specified zone and cover evening and weekend travel, including half terms and summer holidays.

More details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, including information on direct bus routes to the college, termly prices for a bus pass and rail travel can be found on the [Nelson and Colne College website](#).

Alternatively, call student services on 01282 440209 or email [studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk).



### **Preston College**

St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8UR

The college is easily accessible from the motorway and is located near the town centre and local facilities.

The college offers subsidised Preston Bus, Stagecoach and Transdev bus passes for the local area for 16-18 year old full time students. Further subsidies are also available, subject to eligibility.

More details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, including bus passes, routes and prices, can be found on the college's website: [Travelling to Preston College](#), [Preston College Bus Passes](#) or [Preston College Financial Support](#).

Alternatively, call student services on 01772 225656 or email [studentservices@preston.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@preston.ac.uk).

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### **The Blackpool Sixth Form College**

Highfurlong, Blackpool, FY3 7LR

The college offers a number of subsidised transport options which also provide unlimited travel throughout the day, including evenings, weekends and during the college holidays. The transport options are as follows:

- Blackpool Transport digital monthly pass covering Blackpool, Fleetwood, Thornton-Cleveleys, Bispham, Over Wyre and Lytham St Annes
- Stagecoach covering Lancaster, Garstang, Poulton, Blackpool and Preston
- Blackpool Sixth Form College Bus with two routes from Freckleton/Kirkham and Lytham

More details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, including timetables and prices, can be found on [The Blackpool Sixth Form website](#).

Alternatively, call student finance on 01253 307096 or email [student.finance@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk](mailto:student.finance@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk).

### **Runshaw College**

Langdale Road, Leyland, PR25 3DQ

Sixth form students travelling to the Leyland campus can apply to use the college's dedicated bus service which covers a wide area, including Chorley, Preston, Blackburn and Skelmersdale. Local service buses also run regularly between Chorley, Preston and Leyland, stopping close to the college. Services are timed to fit in with the college day.

More details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds, including timetables and information on bus passes, can be found on the [Runshaw College website](#). Travel updates can be found on Twitter if you follow [@Travel2Runshaw](#).

Alternatively, call student services on 01772 642020 ext. 2135 or email [transport@runshaw.ac.uk](mailto:transport@runshaw.ac.uk).



## **West Lancashire College**

College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6LH

The college has three options in relation to travel for 16-18 year olds:

- Option 1 – Full Arriva bus pass - this termly pass is for students who are on an Arriva bus route and who study for more than 10 hours per week. Students can apply for an Arriva bus pass - whether or not they use the bus to come to college.
- Option 2 – Free college coach service - a pass for this service is issued termly and eligibility for a free pass is based on attendance. Details of the routes and stops covered by this service can be found through the link provided.
- Option 3 - Subsidised transport from areas not on an Arriva bus route, such as Tarleton and Rufford (students who use alternative bus companies). Students will be assessed on an individual basis to identify support required with transport costs.

All bus passes are issued on a first come first served basis and are subject to West Lancashire College terms and conditions. Eligibility criteria may be applicable as well as satisfactory attendance. Further information can be found on the college's website, through the link provided.

More details on transport/travel for 16-18 year olds can be found on the [West Lancashire College website](#).

Alternatively, call learner services on 01695 52393 or 01695 52391 or email [enquiries@westlancs.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@westlancs.ac.uk).

