

Information for parents and carers of children and young people who travel to / from school by bus

There is a network of bus services in Fife available to get children to and from school. Your child may be entitled to free transport but, if not, your child can use a bus if there is spare capacity, and they pay a fare or present a travel enabled National Entitlement Card to the driver.

Entitlement

Fife Council policy is to provide free transport for a primary aged child attending their catchment area school who lives more than one mile away and for a secondary aged child attending their catchment area school who lives more than two miles away.

You can check your child's catchment area school at [Catchment Checker | Fife Council](#)

You can check your child's entitlement to have transport provided at [School transport | Fife Council](#).

If your child is entitled to school transport they will be allocated to a bus and issued with a travel pass. If you do not live on a bus route your child may be entitled to travel by taxi or minibus for all or part of their journey. You should contact your child's school to enquire about the other types of transport that may be available.

If your child is not entitled to school transport they can pay a fare to the driver or use their National Entitlement Card. Non-entitled pupils can use school buses if there is spare capacity, but this is not guaranteed. You should discuss with your child in advance what they should do if the bus does not have enough space for them to travel.

Transport is normally provided for travel to/from your child's home address. If your child is travelling to/from an alternative address they should pay a fare or use their National Entitlement Card if there is spare capacity.

If you have made a successful placing request for your child to attend a school outwith their catchment area you are responsible for getting them to and from school.

If your child has been issued with a travel pass and they miss their allocated bus they will have to pay a fare or use a National Entitlement Card to travel on an alternative service.

Payment Options

If your child is not entitled to receive a travel pass issued by the Council, you can apply for a travel enabled National Entitlement Card which will allow them to travel for free. [Young Persons' Free Bus Travel | Fife Council](#). If your child pays a fare to travel you may be able to save some money by contacting the bus company direct to compare the different tickets available.

Bus Information

Bus service information can be found at [School bus timetables | Travel Fife](#)

Other Transport Requests

Your child's school is the primary point of contact for all enquiries and requests for transport assistance.

1. In exceptional circumstances transport may be provided for a child that would not normally be entitled to transport.
2. If a child has an Additional Support Need, a disability or a medical need they may be eligible for supported transport. The type of assistance provided will be based on an assessment of their individual need organised by staff at their school.