

Post-16 transport application form 2026

Will you be attending Sixth Form or College in September and need help to get there ?

If you will be using a public bus service you may be able to purchase a student season ticket from the bus company at a special rate. This could work out cheaper and more flexible to use. However if you will be travelling on a school or college bus or your family has a low income, then it may be cheaper for you to join Wiltshire Council's Post-16 Transport Scheme.

How much does it cost ?

Wiltshire Council's Post-16 Transport Scheme provides one return journey per day to and from school or college during term time. The annual cost is £1,050 or £350 for applicants who can provide evidence that their gross annual household income is below £20,819. To apply for our scheme please send this form now. If you are not certain which school or college you will be attending, send the form to us by 30 June stating which course you are most likely to study. Then if your plans change, contact us immediately and update your request for your new location and we will issue a pass if you are entitled.

If a pass is no longer required, you will get a full refund of any money paid if you tell us before 1st September 2026. If you apply after the 30 June you will need to pay the full amount before we issue the pass, and your pass may not reach you before the start of term.

Please Note: If you will be travelling on a public bus service and do not qualify for our lower rate bus pass, purchasing a season ticket direct from the bus company will be more beneficial, as these are cheaper and more flexible than the standard rate pass offered by the council. If you are not sure which bus company you will need to use to get to school or college, please ring 01225 713365 or email buses@wiltshire.gov.uk

How to apply for a Wiltshire Post-16 bus pass

1. Read the guidance notes on page 3
2. Complete the boxes highlighted in yellow on page 2
3. SAVE the form to your computer, CHECK that your details have saved before EMAILING it to educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk

If you are unable to email the form you can print it out and send it by post to:

Education Transport, Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Privacy notice

Wiltshire Council is the data controller for the personal information you provide in this form. The Council's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dataprotection@wiltshire.gov.uk. This personal data will only be used for the purposes of providing transport, or purposes relating to this service. We will share your personal data where necessary and lawful within the Council and with transport suppliers, but we will not share your data with any other third parties unless we are required or permitted to do so by law. For further information about how we may use your personal data, including your rights as a data subject, please visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport-apply>.

Post-16 Transport Form 2026/2027

Read the notes on pages 3 and 4 before completing this form.

Surname of student

First and second name(s)

Date of birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Sex M/F/G (non gender specific)

Name of school or college to which transport is required

Date from which transport is required (dd/mm/yyyy)

Allow up to 3 weeks for your application to be processed.

Home address, permanent residence - i.e. where student is registered for child benefit purposes.

House name, No.

Street

Village or area of town

Post town

Postcode is essential



Home telephone

Work or mobile

Email
(private)

A valid email address **must** be provided as some of the bus passes are issued digitally.

Full Title of Course (state qualification, level and subject)
(e.g. BTEC National Diploma in Engineering OR A levels – state subjects)
(please note some full time courses may be on 2/3 days and therefore there may be a more cost effective way to travel)

Course length
(1, 2 or 3 Years)

Course year
(1st, 2nd or 3rd)

School year
(12 or 13)

Pick up point, if known

If you live in an isolated area attach a map, or supply a grid reference, or "What three words" reference to help us pinpoint your home.

Payment section (tick one box only)

Tick the option of your preferred method of payment

I will pay by credit/debit card and the cost of the transport is £1,050/£350. (When your application has been assessed we will advise how to pay).

I will pay by instalments, spread up to the start of February 2027. Please send me an invoice. (Applications to pay by instalments must be received by 30 June 2026).

(The first pass will be valid until February, if all payments are met the second pass will be issued, however if we are waiting for low income evidence the pass will be valid until October half term).

I will apply for a bursary through my college or school as my household income is less than £20,819. (If the establishment does not offer the Bursary Scheme the cost of the pass is £350).

Lower rate (tick if lower rate applies)

If you are on low income please apply for a bursary through your college or school. If you qualify for the bursary you are not required to send in low income evidence to us as this would have been requested by your college or school.

All supporting evidence should be emailed to educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk.

If you pay for the travel pass but do not have your benefit evidence yet you will be issued with a pass valid for at least six weeks to give you more time to submit your evidence when it arrives.

I certify that I have read, understood and accepted the notes in this document, explaining the conditions attached to the Post-16 Transport scheme.

I confirm that the student will comply with the code of conduct shown on page 4. I understand that failure to comply with this code may result in the pass being withdrawn by Wiltshire Council without refund.

I declare that the address above is the student's primary address - i.e. where they are registered for child benefit purposes.

Name of parent/guardian

Date

Be aware that some devices may not save the information you have entered on this form, so please **DOUBLE CHECK** that it contains your information before emailing it to: educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk

Notes on completing this application form

Wiltshire residents are assessed according to Wiltshire Council's Education Transport Policy. For further information on the policy, please refer to the additional information on page 4. Please note a new application form should be completed each year for post 16 transport. Additionally, the full education transport policy is available on-line at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or phone **0300 456 0100** to request a copy.

What is this form for?

This form enables you to apply for a **Post 16 travel pass** to travel from home to school or college if you are a Wiltshire resident. Transport will be provided on any day when the school or college is open for normal lectures but Wiltshire Council reserves the right to select the most appropriate or economical mode of transport.

We need the information requested on this form so that we can assess your application to see if you are eligible for a **Post 16 travel pass**. We will write back to let you know if we can help you under this scheme and to give further details about your application, and how to make payment.

Do not complete this form if you are:

- living within the boundary of Swindon Borough;
- studying part time or on an apprenticeship;
- on a Government Training Scheme or sponsored by your employer;
- aged 19 or more at the start of term in the first year of your course;
- requiring door-to-door transport for Special Needs, there is a different form for this, please call 01225 718360;
- studying for a higher award Level 4 or undergraduate.

How do I qualify?

You can apply for assistance with travel if you are aged at least 16 but less than 19 on the first day of the first year of your course of study, and you live three miles or more from, and attend, your designated school or college - Please refer to the Post-16 Transport Policy on page 4 if you want to go to a non-designated sixth form or college.

Is the council's transport scheme the most cost effective option for all sixth form and college travel?

Not in all cases. As the standard charge has increased significantly in recent years, a number of bus companies are now offering season tickets at comparable or cheaper rates.

It is also important to consider how many days the student will attend per week as this will also have an effect on the cost of transport. Please contact your local bus company for more details of what they may have to offer. If you are unsure as to which bus company to contact, call Passenger Transport on (01225) 713365 or email buses@wiltshire.gov.uk.

How much will it cost me?

The Wiltshire Council travel pass is available at a cost of £1,050 a year. It may be possible to pay this over seven months (7x £150) providing you apply before 30 June 2026. Payment can be made in full by debit/credit card.

Bursary

If you are on a low income we recommend you apply for a Bursary through the college or school as this is the most cost effective route. Please contact the college or school direct.

Lower rate pass

If your gross household income for 2025/26 was less than **£20,819** you can apply for a lower rate pass at a cost of £350. It may be possible to pay this over seven months (7x £50) providing you apply before 30 June 2026. Payments need to be completed by February 2027.

Where is my designated sixth form or college?

All parish areas in Wiltshire are allocated a designated sixth form and college. For further details of the designated area for your address, please email educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk with details of your home address, including postcode.

How will I get my pass?

Assuming you apply for transport by 30 June 2026, submit all the evidence requested and make payment in time, a travel pass will be sent to your home address before your first day at sixth form or college (not including induction days).

If you are in receipt of a bursary the bus pass will be sent direct to the college or school where applicable for collection on the first day of term.

What happens if I don't start my course?

Email Passenger Transport Unit on or before the first day of term to cancel your request. Any money that you have already paid towards your bus pass will be refunded on receipt of a returned pass, in the event this has been delivered.

What if I no longer need my pass?

Please return your pass or email us stating that it is no longer required. Passenger Transport will calculate any partial refund due based on the date of receipt in the office.

Please note that no refund will be made without photographic evidence of the pass having been destroyed (photo of pass cut into 4 pieces) emailed to educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk, and no refunds will be made for passes returned and received after 30th April 2027.

What if I apply after 30 June 2026?

If you apply after 30 June 2026, you will not be able to spread your payments over seven months, you will be required to make an up front payment.

Passenger Transport will endeavour to process your application and issue a pass for the beginning of term; however this may not always be possible. Please allow three weeks for your application to be processed.

Do I need to send in a photograph?

If you live in Royal Wootton Bassett, Purton, Cricklade or Lydiard Millicent area and studying at an establishment in Swindon, please enclose a passport photograph with your name written clearly on the back. Students travelling by train will need to add a passport size photo to the rail pass wallet when it is received in the post. For all other locations, a photograph is not required.

Post-16 transport policy

- You can receive a Post 16 travel pass under this scheme if you live at least three miles from, and attend, your designated school or college.
- If you want to study A-levels at a school or college other than your designated one, you will not normally be entitled to assistance with transport under this scheme. However, if you can provide evidence (such as weblinks to prospectus pages that a particular A-level subject is **generally necessary** for entry to a specific course at the majority of higher education establishments **and** is required for your intended career, then your transport application will be considered further.
- If applying for transport to a non-designated location, **please send in as much supporting evidence as early as possible with your application** to avoid delays in assessment. Supporting evidence should include:
 - i) why it is necessary (as generally stated in H.E. Level prospectuses or the UCAS Guide) for you to study this particular course; **and**
 - ii) evidence that the course (or one broadly similar) is not available at any nearer establishment.
 - iii) evidence that this is necessary for your chosen career.
 - iv) If you want to study a skill-based course (e.g. plumbing, carpentry and joinery) at a non-designated college, please send in letters from at least three prospective employers confirming that they would not employ you without this qualification so that we can consider your application further.
- If you want to study a course at a non-designated school or college where the optional modules are different to those on a 'broadly similar' course offered at the designated school or college, you are very unlikely to get help with travel under this scheme. Assistance may be available from the school or college. Please enquire via their Student Services team.
- You can also qualify for this transport scheme if you want to attend a preferred school (i.e. not the one designated for your address), when the cost of that journey (for Wiltshire Council) is not more than the cost of the journey to your designated college. The three mile qualifying distance still applies. Please ring us for further details of this.

To speak to the Education Transport Entitlement Team please phone **0300 456 0100**

Email us at educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk

Alternatively written correspondence should be addressed to:

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Code of conduct

We take the safety of children and students using our school transport very seriously and all young people are required to adhere to the following code of behaviour whilst travelling:

- The controls of the vehicle and the safety equipment on it (emergency doors/hammers etc) must never be interfered with.
- Always leave the vehicle clean and tidy.
- Treat the driver and other passengers with respect.
- Remain seated for the duration of the journey and ensure your seatbelt is fastened, if available.
- Please refrain from playing loud music while travelling.
- Do not block the gangway or throw items around the vehicle.
- No smoking, vaping, eating or drinking can be allowed on the journey.

We will not tolerate bullying, vandalism or any other anti-social behaviour and any right to transport from the council may be withdrawn.

To raise behaviour standards, many school buses are fitted with CCTV so we can confirm the identity of any persons who choose to disregard this behaviour code.

Information about Wiltshire Council's services can be made available on request in other languages and formats such as large print and audio. Please contact the council on 0300 456 0100 or by email at customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

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