

Free Travel Criteria

For a child to have a statutory entitlement to free travel they will need to meet one of the following criteria from September 2018:

- attend the nearest qualifying (ie catchment) school to their home address and live beyond the statutory walking distance (two miles up to Year 3; three miles Years 4 to 11)
- qualify under the low income criteria (ie are eligible for free school meals or receive maximum working tax credits) –
 - Primary** – attend their catchment or nearest available school and live beyond two miles
 - Secondary** – attend one of the three nearest schools to the home address between two and six miles
 - Primary faith** – attend their nearest suitable school on grounds of religion or belief between two and 20 miles from their home
 - Secondary faith** - attend their nearest suitable school on grounds of religion or belief between two and 25 miles from their home.

From September 2018 under the new policy, children identified as not having a statutory entitlement will not be able to travel on County Council school transport as this will only be provided for statutory travellers.

The Council will also no longer provide any discounted season passes for children to travel on commercial services, so all tickets will need to be purchased from the commercial operator.