



School Transport Information for Parents and Carers

School Transport Application forms are available from;

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/publictransport/schooltransport/index.asp>

Phone Number: 01224 665196

Please do not hesitate to contact Uryside School office for further information

School Transport

The Council provides free transport to all children who live over two miles walking distance from school, in the case of primary school children, and three miles for secondary school pupils. Free School Transport is also provided for children with additional support needs. School transport routes are determined by the pick-up locations required for pupils who are entitled to free school transport.

Privilege seats and fare paying buses

Pupils who live within two miles of primary school or three miles of secondary school may be able to travel on school transport at a charge. Where spare seats are available on a school transport route parents/carers can apply for a privilege place for their child by downloading an application form. The application form includes information on prices and payment methods for Privilege Passes. Discounts are available for pupils entitled to School Clothing Grants, and to families with 3 or more children travelling to the same school.

If you require an application form for transport for the remainder of the current school year please contact us and we will send you an application form. ***If you submit an application part way through a school year you will be charged on a pro-rata basis. You can contact us to find out the specific charge that will apply to your application.***

- Information on how to apply is provided in the application form.
- If a seat is available on a suitable school transport route the pupil will be issued with a Privilege Pass and advised of the pick-up location. If the home is within the catchment area of the school that the child attends, then there is no need to re-apply for transport each year. Unless advised otherwise we will assume that the pupil requires transport until he or she leaves school, and a pass will be issued each year. If a pupil no longer requires transport or moves address, you should return the pass(es) with a cancellation letter detailing the last date transport was used to the address shown at the end of this page.

The Council retains the right to withdraw privilege transport or to re-designate the pick-up and drop-off point (PUDO).

Out of Zone Privilege Seat Applications

All Aberdeenshire addresses fall within the catchment area of a primary school and a secondary school. If you do not know which schools your home is zoned to, please check Aberdeenshire Council Website.

If a privilege seat is requested for a pupil who is not attending their zoned school, there is no guarantee that a seat will be provided. A seat can only be allocated if there is school transport operating within the area, and if there is a seat available on the vehicle.

If the transport application is approved the pupil will be allocated a pick-up point on the existing school transport route. A privilege seat is only awarded for as long as a seat is available during the current school year. The Council reserves the right to withdraw transport if the seat is required for a child travelling to their zoned school. Under such circumstances we will provide you with a minimum of two weeks' notice to make alternative transport arrangements, and we will provide you with a refund for the remainder of the school year.

A new application form must be submitted to the Public Transport Unit prior to the start of each new school year. The application can only be considered following the allocation of seats to pupils traveling to their zoned school.

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