



Knowsley Council

Knowsley Local Authority

Transport statement for learners aged 16 -18
in education or training

Academic Year 2011/2012

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1. Introduction

All councils have a duty under Section 509AA(7) of the Education Act 1996 to publish an annual Transport Statement for students and learners aged 16 -18. The statement should identify the transport arrangements that the council considers necessary to support learners aged 16 – 18 to travel to their education or training provider.

The information in this statement contains information about the transport arrangements for students and learners of sixth form age who live in Knowsley and who are studying or training at:

- A school;
- A further education institution;
- An institution maintained by the council;
- An establishment funded directly by the Young People's Learning Agency;
- A learning provider that is funded by the council to deliver Foundation Learning or other accredited programme.

2. Future changes

The transport arrangements take into account future changes which will impact upon young people. Changes include the reform of the 14 - 19 curriculum; young people's entitlement to an Apprenticeship from 2013 and the raising of the compulsory participation age so that from 2013, young people will be required to stay in education or training until they are 17 (18 from 2015).

Transport arrangements will be subject to ongoing review to enable the Council to meet changing transport demands.

Where possible, transport provision will be responsive to the needs of learners, enabling young people to make informed choices when considering their education and training after age 16.

From academic year 2011/12, all councils will be required to consult with young people and their parents/carers to inform transport developments when drawing up the annual statement.

Knowsley Council will actively engage with young people by using our established network of young people's groups, in particular Knowsley Youth Parliament, which is made up of young people who live, work, are educated or access services within Knowsley. The Youth Parliament has a Transport Campaign Group which is campaigning for free /discounted transport for all young people age 11+ in full time education. The Group is continuing to raise awareness of its Transport Campaign and the issues young people encounter when using public transport. Also from 2011/12, a new Transport Statement for young people aged 19 - 24 with learning difficulties and/or disabilities will be published in addition to this Transport Statement for 16 - 18 year olds.

3. Transport provision for Diploma students, Apprentices and Foundation Learners

Knowsley has five venues where post 16 education courses will be delivered. They are: All Saints Centre for Learning in Kirkby, Knowsley Community College at the Kirkby and Roby sites, Halewood Centre for Learning in Halewood and Oakmere Community College at the Scotchbarn Road site.

Apprenticeship programmes are provided at employers' premises and Foundation Learning programmes are provided at a number of sites within the borough.

From September 2011, the transport service provided by the Council via Your Travel Borough Wide to support travel between sites will no longer be available as funding has ceased.

Transport support for students on these programmes will be provided, as applicable, by the Centres for Learning and Colleges.

Assistance for student's transport costs has been through the Educational Maintenance Allowance, a means tested allowance. This has now ceased and will be replaced by a bursary fund provided through post-16 providers. Details of the amounts and criteria for applying have yet to be announced.

4. Transport provision for full time students at Knowsley Community College

4.1 Financial support available to Knowsley Community College Students

Full time students studying at Knowsley Community College may be entitled to financial support towards the cost of travel. This is normally reimbursement of the cost of a Merseytravel SOLO ticket. Students can apply for support if they live more than three miles from the College and one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- Receipt of a means-tested benefit (e.g. Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, etc);
- Receipt of a low income (which will require a College means-test assessment); or
- Students experiencing severe financial hardship (which will require a College means-test assessment).

The level of College subsidy varies and depends upon individual circumstances and student attendance levels.

How to apply for support

Students should apply to Student Services in their own campus at the beginning of each term. Funding is limited and students must apply before the colleges specified deadlines.

This information is subject to review and may change before 1 September 2011. Students should contact their Student Services Office to confirm the arrangements for 1 September 2011.

4.2 College Bus Service

The College also provides a free bus service each morning. Two services are currently running during 2010/11 academic year:

Service 1 Whiston to Kirkby Campus
Whiston
Prescot

Service 2 Kirkby to Roby Campus
Kirkby
Knowsley Village

Roby
Stockbridge Village
Kirkby

Stockbridge Village
Roby

This information is subject to review and may change before 1 September 2011. Students should contact their Student Services Office to confirm the arrangements for September 2011.

4.3 Public transport to Knowsley Community College

The Roby Campus is within walking distance of Roby Station, with trains stopping at Roby from both directions every 15 minutes. Bus routes 8, 9, 15, 192, 217, 227, 258 operate to the site.

The Kirkby campus is a short walk from Town Centre and can be accessed using the following local bus services: 19, 20, 21, 29, 119, 120, 123, 192, 193, 197, 198, 217, 227, 990, 992.

4.4 Knowsley Community College contact details

Address	Kirkby Campus Cherryfield Drive Kirkby L32 8SF
Telephone	Roby Campus Rupert Road Huyton L36 9TD 0845 155 1055
Email	info@knowsleycollege.ac.uk
Website	www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk

5. Transport provision for students attending Knowsley CfL sixth form

All Saints Catholic Centre for Learning

Address	Roughwood Drive Kirkby L33 8XF
Telephone	0151 477 8740
Email	admin@allsaintscatholiccfl.klear.org.uk
Website	www.allsaintschs.org.uk

The school is served by the following local bus services: 20, 114, 192, 197, 217, 990, 991.

Halewood Centre for Learning

Address	The Avenue Wood Road Halewood L26 1UU
Telephone	0151 477 8830
Email	admin@halewoodcfl.klear.org.uk
Website	http://www.halewoodcfl.knowsley.gov.uk

The school is served by the following local bus services: 75, 75E,77,86, 89A,163, 166,169,188, 192, 193, and 266.

6. Transport provision for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

6.1 Students who attend either The Elms or Springfield Special School

Students aged 16 - 19 who are continuing their education at either The Elms or Springfield School, and who have a Statement of Special Educational needs (including transport provision) at age 16, may be provided with transport support by the Inclusion, Standards and Effectiveness Services (ISES) within the Directorate of Children and Family Services if it is considered to be appropriate. This support normally finishes at the end of the year in which the student reaches age 19.

How to apply

The SEN Inclusion Team will make arrangements to continue transport arrangements after age 16 in accordance with the student's needs.

Inclusion team contact details

Telephone

0151 443 5145

6.2 Knowsley Community College students

Students aged 16 –19 who have a learning difficulty and/or disability may be eligible for transport support during the 2011/12 academic year to attend a full time course at Knowsley Community College. We will contact other organisations such as Connexions and ISES to confirm that transport support is appropriate for the student and the type of transport required dependant upon the student's needs.

Every encouragement will be made for students in this age group to travel between home and college using mainstream services

How to apply

Contact the Council for advice and an application form. There are no deadlines to meet but funding is limited and the application should be made as soon as possible at the beginning of the academic year.

6.3 Students with a learning difficulty and/or disability who attend college out of the borough (for example St Helens College or Liverpool Community College)

No funding is available to support students with a learning difficulty and/or disability to travel to an out of borough college unless there are exceptional circumstances and it makes sense for them to do so, for example if the distance from home to the out of borough college is shorter than the distance from home to Knowsley Community College. Students and their parents/carers should ensure that students are able to travel to a course outside the borough and that the transport costs can be met from personal funds if there are no exceptional circumstances to be taken into consideration.

Where it is considered that there are exceptional circumstances we will contact other organisations such as Connexions and ISES to confirm that transport support is appropriate for the student and the type of transport required dependent upon the student's needs.

How to apply

Contact the Council for advice and an application form. There are no deadlines to meet but funding is limited and the application should be made as soon as possible at the beginning of the academic year.

6.4 Other provisions

Support will be made available during 2011/12 where necessary and appropriate in accordance with the above criteria. However, where students are beginning a course that will extend beyond the 2011/12 academic year both students and their parents/carers should consider the travel and cost implications as support in the same manner cannot be guaranteed beyond the 2011/12 academic year.

All students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities who receive financial support for transport must be prepared to undertake Independent Travel Training if it is appropriate for them to do so.

Knowsley Council contact details

Telephone
email

0151 443 5609

festudent.support@knowsley.gov.uk

6.5 Merseytravel bus pass

Students with physical, sensory or learning disabilities can apply for a Disabled Persons travel pass that entitles the user to free use of buses, trains and ferry services across Merseyside. Full details and a journey planner are available from Merseytravel.

Merseytravel contact details

Telephone
Website

0151 236 6056

www.merseytravel.gov.uk

7. Transport provision for students attending out of borough school or college

There is no financial support available from Knowsley to enable students to attend a school or college outside the Knowsley boundary unless the student has learning difficulties and/or disabilities as provided in 6. Students and their parents/carers should ensure that they are able to access a course outside the borough and that travel expenses to the college can be met from existing funds or with support from the college or learning provider. Students should contact their own college to enquire if financial support for transport is available.

Liverpool Community College students

Students studying at Liverpool Community College may qualify for travel support from the college if the following conditions are satisfied:

Automatic Travel Support

- The Local Authority in which the student is resident does not offer travel support
- Or**
- The student is not eligible for support from their Local Authority
 - The distance from home to college is more than 1 mile
 - The student meets the college attendance requirement of 82%

- Aged 16-18

Automatic travel support is also available to students who are in receipt of an income-related benefit.

Discretionary Travel Support

Students aged 16-18 who do not receive EMA can apply for discretionary support from Student Services.

The information is subject to review and may change before 1 September 2011. Students should confirm arrangements for 1 September by contacting their Student Services Office.

How to apply

Contact Customer Support Service or Student Services on enrolment

Liverpool Community College contact details

Telephone (switchboard)	0151 252 1515
Website	www.liv-coll.ac.uk

St Helens Community College students

Contact Student Services for information regarding transport support.

St Helens Community College contact details

Telephone	01744 733766
Email	enquire@sthelens.ac.uk
Website	www.sthelens.ac.uk

Hugh Baird College students

Contact the Student Advice Centre for information about eligibility for travel passes.

Hugh Baird College contact details

Telephone	0151 353 4444
Email	enquiries@hughbaird.ac.uk
Website	www.hughbaird.ac.uk

Carmel College

The college operates a number of subsidised bus services. Visit the website for information and timetables.

Carmel College contact details

Telephone	01744 452200
Email	info@carmel.ac.uk
Website	www.carmel.ac.uk

Riverside College

Financial assistance is available to some students to help pay for transport costs. Contact Student Services for details.

Riverside College contact details

Telephone	0151 257 2800
Email	enquiries@riversidecollege.ac.uk
Website	www.riversidecollege.ac.uk

8. Concessionary fares

8.1 Concessionary fares offered by Merseytravel

Merseytravel offer a range of concessionary passes and prepaid tickets for students. There are Term Time Tickets that can be used on buses, trains and ferries (TRIO TICKETS) or just buses (SOLO TICKETS). The cost of the ticket depends on the area that it covers and the student's age. As an example, the cost of a single-zone termly ticket for a student under age 18 will be £73.00.

As well as term-time tickets, TRIO and SOLO tickets can be purchased on a weekly, monthly or annual basis.

Merseytravel can provide advice on the most suitable ticket to buy. Termly tickets will be available from the last week in August 2011.

Students who reach their 18th birthday during the term must buy an Adult Student Ticket for the whole of that term

The prices shown are correct at the time of publication and will be reviewed in August 2011. Full details and a journey planner are available from Merseytravel.

Merseytravel contact details

Telephone

0151 236 6056

Website

www.merseytravel.gov.uk

8.2 Concessionary fares offered by Arriva North West

Student Saver ticket

Arriva offers a Student Saver ticket to all students in school sixth form, further education or higher education. The Arriva North West Student Saver is an unlimited journey bus pass, which offers savings compared with normal fares. Using the ticket, students can make a saving of more than 30% on bus fares and there are no time restrictions, with unlimited travel on Arriva buses in the area, including evenings and weekends. A termly ticket currently costs £96.

Prices shown are correct at time of publication. Further information and a route planner is Available from Arriva North West.

Arriva contact details

Telephone

0800 800 4411

Website

www.arribus.co.uk/northwest-home.aspx

9. Young People who are not in education, employment or training

Students who are not engaged in education, employment or training should contact the Connexions Service for advice about travelling to interviews for a place at a college, a training provider or employer. Connexions can also provide advice for young people participating on the Activity Agreement programme. Young people who have a guarantee of work through their centre may be entitled to receive travel costs from Knowsley Works.

11. Useful contacts

Knowsley Council

Address

Directorate of Children and Family Services
Archway Road
Yorkon Building
Huyton
L36 9FB

General transport enquiries
Email

0151 443 5609
vicky.murphy@knowsley.gov.uk

Website

www.knowsley.gov.uk

Special Educational Needs (SEN)
Inclusion Team

0151 443 5145

Transport enquiries for Diploma
Students/Work Based
Learners/Apprentices

0151 443 5318

Getting to school/college website:
Provides information about bus/cycle
and walking routes to schools/college
in Knowsley

<http://gettingtoschool.knowsley.gov.uk>

Knowsley Works

0151 443 5953

Altbridge Secondary Support Centre

Telephone
Email

0151 477 8310
altbridge@knowsley.gov.uk

The Elms Special School

Telephone
Email

0151 477 8350
theelms@knowsley.gov.uk

Springfield School

Telephone
Email

0151 549 1425
springfield@knowsley.gov.uk

Merseytravel

Ticket Unit
Brochure hotline
Website

0151 236 6056
0151 330 1066
www.merseytravel.gov.uk

Traveline

Traveline is an independent organisation that provides comprehensive information on all public transport services across the northwest.

Telephone

0871 200 2233

Website <http://www.traveline.org.uk/index.htm>

Arriva North West

Telephone **0844 800 4411**
Website www.arrivabus.co.uk/northwest-home.aspx

Your Travel Boroughwide

Telephone **0151 546 9158**
Address North Mersey Business Centre,
Woodward Rd, Knowsley Industrial
Park, Kirkby, L33 7UY

Connexions Service

Huyton Office **0151 949 5700**
Kirkby Office **0151 545 5400**
National number **0808 0013219**
Website <http://www.connexions-gmerseyside.co.uk/yp/>

Miscellaneous

Directgov home page www.direct.gov.uk

Directgov 16 -19 <http://moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk/>

EMA helpline **0808 1016219**
<http://ema.direct.gov.uk/>

National Rail Enquiries **08457 484950**
www.nationalrail.co.uk

The Train Line www.thetrainline.com

12. Complaints

Complaints about the transport support offered by your college should be submitted to the college. If you have a complaint about Knowsley Council you should address your complaint to:

Directorate of Children and Family Services
Yorkon Building
Archway Road
Huyton
Merseyside
L36 9FB

The Secretary of State may take action if the Local Authority has exercised its functions unreasonably or if the council has failed to undertake its duty. However, if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the local complaints procedure the Secretary of State will not always be able to intervene.

You can also get this information in other formats. Please phone
Customer Services on 0151 443 4031, or email
customerservices@knowsley.gov.uk