



FAQ's School Transport – Academic Year 2024-25

1. How do I apply for a place on the school bus for my son or daughter?

On-line applications will be available from Monday 6th May 2024 to all parents of children at Hurworth School in September 2024 that may require home to school transport, the online application form must be completed before 30th June 2024 to enable Hurworth School to deal with all applications.

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In-year applications should be sent to transport@hur.inicioacademies.org.uk

2. Will the school bus be 'free'?

Darlington Borough Council has a duty to make the necessary travel arrangements for 'eligible children' under Section 508B of the Education Act 1996.

The Council will provide 'free' transport in the following circumstances:

- Children who attend the nearest appropriate and/or suitable school determined by the Local Authority, if that school is more than 3 miles from the parents/carers home using the shortest walking route judged to be safe.
- Children whose parent(s) are in receipt of free school meals or the maximum level of working tax credit will be eligible for free home to school transport to one of their 3 nearest appropriate and/or suitable schools, if that school is more than 2 miles and less than 6 from the parents/carers home using the shortest walking route judged to be safe.
- Children whose parent(s) in receipt of free school meals or the maximum level of working tax credit will be eligible for free home to school transport to one of their 3 nearest appropriate school preferred on grounds of religion or belief where that school is more than 2 miles but less than 15 from the parents/carers home using the shortest walking route judged to be safe.
- Children who cannot access their nearest appropriate and/or suitable school using an identified 'safe route to school'

Queries relating to statutory (free) transport should be directed to the Transport Team at Darlington Borough Council – (01325) 405905 or (01325) 405904 or schooltraveltransport@darlington.gov.uk

3. If I don't qualify for 'free' transport can I still apply for a place?

Hurworth School has agreed to offer a limited number of additional places on existing routes, where there are spaces available. The spaces are limited and there is no guarantee that every child that applies will be allocated a place. It is a parent/carers responsibility to get their child to school and your choice of school should not be affected by the availability of transport.

4. How much will the charge be?

Seats are currently charged at £4.75 per. If a family has more than one child that obtains a place on a bus, the eldest will be charged the full daily rate then there will be a reduction of 10% for the first sibling.

5. Will there be a reduction for sickness absence, holiday absence, exclusion etc?

No.

6. What do I do if I no longer require the seat on the bus?

If a child no longer requires the seat on the coach the parent must inform Hurworth School of their decision and must return the pass to them in order that a refund can be calculated from the date of receipt of the pass itself.

7. How can payment be made?

Hurworth School will contact you at the beginning of August 2024 to confirm that you have been successful in obtaining a fare-paying place.

Payments can be made by monthly standing order or on-line via ParentMail. Passes will not be issued until payment has been received.

Payment must be received termly in advance or by monthly standing order. If you would like to pay by monthly standing order the amounts are:

£75.20 per child or £67.77 per sibling for 12 months starting 1st August 2024.

Payable to:

Hurworth School
Acc. 20986560
Sort Code 30- 84-43.
Please use your child's name as the reference.

8. If I am successful in gaining a fare paying place will this be in place for the duration of my child's education?

We will attempt to enable your child to access transport for the full five years of their secondary education. However, this cannot be guaranteed as circumstances may change at any time.

9. Bus Routes

Pupils will be issued one pass for one route; there is not an option for pupils to have multiple passes for different routes. If a pupil wants to change routes a request can be made by parents/carers to the Finance Office, and this will be assessed and accommodated where possible.

We currently provide transport to the following areas:

Parkside, Geneva Rd, Harris Street, Burnside Rd, Bardon Moor Rd, Brankin Rd
Bishopton, Great Stainton, Little Stainton, Sadberge
Middleton St George and Middleton One Row