

Transport policy statement for students aged 16-18 in further education and continuing students aged 19 and over

Name of Local Authority: LEICESTERSHIRE

Department Responsible: Children and Young People's Service

1. Summary of Policy Statement and Main Objectives (this section should give an overview/statement of intent of what the LA's transport policy is and what the subsequent desired outcomes are)

This document is to describe the support available to the young people of Leicestershire entering or continuing with Post 16 Education. It explains the support packages in place to encourage participation and prevent transport being a barrier to young learners.

This policy statement gives information from the Local Authority, schools and FE colleges and other relevant sources. The aim is to provide the most up to date details of the latest charges and any means testing procedures.

This statement gives advice on the support available to students with learning/mobility difficulties and explains the commitment to encourage independent travel training.

2. Please provide details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for students aged 16–19 and who provides them. Please provide details of any costs to the student.

2(a) Leicestershire County Council

Mainstream students – LA provision:

Subsidised transport* is available for 16+ students in the following situations:

- those who attend the catchment area school
- those who attend a school which is nearer than the catchment area school
- those who attend a college which is the nearest offering the course.

For 16+ students attending voluntary aided schools, subsidised transport depends on:

- the school's denomination being the same as the student's (e.g. proof of baptism); and
- the school being the right one for the home address; and
- this not being the student's first application for transport on denominational grounds; and
- the student living more than three miles from the school.

Important: In all cases to qualify for subsidised transport the student must also live more than three miles from the school or college and the course must be begun in the 16+, 17+ or 18+ year.

*The charge for eligible Post 16 students is £240 flat rate for 2008/09 academic year.

This transport is arranged by the County Council's Department of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management. Transport is in the form of bus passes for contract vehicles or public service vehicles, rail passes, or in some cases smaller buses or taxis where this is cost-effective or unavoidable. If there is no appropriate bus service then petrol costs are sometimes refunded for entitled students.

Rail passes are issued in exceptional circumstances, as bus alternatives are normally more cost effective.

Fare-paying places are sold to non-entitled students on request where there is spare capacity on contract vehicles on a first-come-first-served basis. The minimum fare paying charge for 2008/2009 is £240.

The County Council also arranges some special buses where large numbers of pupils/students are involved. Non-entitled students can use these on a fare-paying basis, and a number of main public bus services are also available for this purpose.

Students with statements of special educational needs – LA provision:

Leicestershire LA offers free door-to-door transport to many, though not all, pupils and students with statements of special educational needs. This is largely for pupils/students attending their designated special schools or special units providing the desired courses. Some transport will have escorts according to the needs of the pupils/students.

It is important to note that Leicestershire LA's special educational needs transport policy changed with effect from the Autumn Term 2003.

For students who have already received transport assistance as 16+ special needs students before Autumn 2003, this will continue until the students complete their current courses and leave school. This will include students receiving free transport to the designated special school, unit or specialist college, which provides the desired course. From Autumn 2003 onwards from Year 11 into Year 12 in school, home to school transport will be funded by the LA for those with statements of special educational needs:

- Your child is attending a special school for pupils with learning difficulties, which is the nearest one to your home recommended by the LA. In some circumstances the LA may support transport to a school further away but only if this makes efficient use of the LA's resources.
- Your child is in a secondary school unit, which is the nearest one to your home but more than 3 miles away by a safe walking route.*
- Your child has a severe sensory impairment and because of this walking to school is not practical.
- Your child cannot walk independently or can only walk very short distances.
- Your child has educational needs considered by the LA and its advisers to be exceptional.
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*The rules require that the distance is a safe walking distance for the child accompanied (as necessary) by a parent or carer. This will be determined by the LA.

Where parents express preferences for schools further away from home when there is a place available closer to the home which can meet the student's special educational needs, transport will not be provided to the more distant school if that is an inefficient use of resources.

From Autumn 2003 onwards from school into FE, home to college transport will be funded by the LA for those who had a current statement of special educational needs on leaving school:

- whose statement gave entitlement to transport and who live more than three miles from the college; or
- whose circumstances make transport essential to participation in the course, in the view of the professionals involved in the student's assessment.

This transport continues until the end of the academic year in which the student reaches 22, providing the college course is continuous to this date.

Concessionary Fares Scheme – Leicestershire District Councils

Leicestershire District Councils operate concessionary travel schemes, offering free bus and train travel at all times if the journey starts in Leicestershire or the city of Leicester, and free off peak bus travel throughout England (not before 9.30 a.m. on Mondays to Fridays) or travel vouchers (£33). (See section 6 of this document for more details of the disabled persons' scheme.) This is for all disabled persons and not for students generally.

Post-16 Access Fund

The LA operates a Post-16 Access Fund for school students only at present (as colleges have similar funds available), although a greater range of students may be included in the future. This Fund can offer financial assistance with a variety of student expenses including books and equipment, accommodation, childcare, travel, course and examination costs, field trips and more. There are priority categories of students and means criteria (see section 5 of this document for more details).

Post 16 Transport Access Fund

During the 2007/2008 academic year additional funds have been made available to the LA for transport issues that affect 16-19 year olds. Funds have been used to support 16-19 year olds who are not eligible (under LA policy) for support towards daily travel costs or learners who incur charges in excess of the standard fee charged to eligible learners. Continuation of this scheme depends on external funding and no formal decisions have been made re funding for 2008/2009 at this stage. Please see contact details in section 11 for more information.

2(b) Transport arranged by schools and colleges

Some of Leicestershire's larger Upper Schools (14-19) have additional bus contract arrangements on which students' parents can purchase places. Arrangements vary school to school: enquiries should be made of the individual school. Some schools also run "late buses" on various days of the week to enable students to participate in extra curricular activities or additional study groups. Contact the individual schools for details.

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire): Students can apply to the College Learner Support Fund for help with the cost of their bus pass.

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester): Students not eligible for LA

subsidised transport and not in receipt of the EMA can apply to the College Learner Support Fund to help with their transport costs; this is a means tested fund and if eligible bus passes can be provided. Some help with transport costs may also be available in emergencies. All applicants receive an application form for the Learner Support Fund in their College Induction pack.

Contract buses and subsidised transport arrangements will be arranged for 2009/10 to support students moving to the new site at Hamilton.

Details will be confirmed nearer the move date.

Leicester College (Leicester): Bus pass applications will be sent directly from the college. Those who are eligible for a concessionary LEA bus pass, from either LEA, will pay £60 towards this, the college will pay the rest. Those who are ineligible for an LA bus pass are referred to the College Learner Support Fund (LSF) to help with the potential cost of travelling to and from college. To qualify for a bus pass from the LSF students must pass a means-tested assessment based upon parents/students disposable income. However in accordance with government guidelines students in receipt of an EMA will receive a bus pass for one term only unless they can prove individual hardship. The LSF will also contribute to petrol costs if the student wishes to travel by car/scooter.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire): The cost of a bus pass for 2008-09 academic year is £240. To be eligible, UK students must be under 19 at the start of their full-time further education course and living 3 miles outside of Loughborough but within the County or City Council boundaries. Another option available is the purchase an Arriva Midlands' Leicester Student Ticket: Leicester Plus Saver Area. The college is offering a subsidy of £60 towards the cost of either of these types regardless of the type of further education course undertaken. Proof of payment will be required to access the subsidy. Academic year pass: application form available from college Arriva Midlands' Leicester Student Ticket: Leicester Plus Saver Area: available from Arriva Bus Company. Buy online or in person for a term or a year. The yearly cost for 2008/09 is not available at the time of printing. The cost for 2007-08 academic year was £348. As from September 2008 the College will also offer a subsidy of £60 for students under 19 at the start of their full-time further education course who live in Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire. Proof of payment will be required to access this subsidy.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Sites at Hinckley, Leicestershire and Nuneaton Warwickshire): All 16-19 students apply for a bus pass. The student must live more than 3 miles from college and not live closer to another college that offers the same course. LA provides the bus pass and the student pays the appropriate fee. The college provides a shuttle bus service between Hinckley and Nuneaton sites. Leicestershire County Council pays for the first and

last runs of the day. The college pays for the rest.

Regent College (Leicester): *This information was provided in May 2007 the college have not provided updated information at this stage.* Students who are not eligible for a free LEA bus pass may apply for help with their transport costs via the College Learner Support Fund. If support is given, the College usually provides a bus pass. Help with short-term transport problems may also be available in emergencies.

South Leicestershire College (Wigston, Leicestershire): Bus passes at a cost of £20 annual administration fee, provided by South Leicestershire College except where a learner is eligible for an LA pass or petrol allowance of 10p per mile up to £1.70 per day (provided by South Leicestershire College).

Stephenson College (Coalville, Leicestershire): College provides free transport for 16-19 year olds attending a full time courses of education where their journey is over three miles.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): If not eligible for LA support, students may apply to the Learner Support Fund. If support is given this is usually as a bus pass, although a subsidy may be available to students who make a contribution to the cost of LA passes.

2(c). Bus Operators

For 2007/08 Arriva offered unlimited travel passes for students as follows

Within Leicester Zone £149 for Autumn Term, £119 for Spring & £119 for Summer Term or £238 for full academic year.

- Within Leicester Plus Zone (whole of County) £199 for Autumn Term, £169 for Spring & £169 for Summer Term or £368 for full academic year.

Discounts available online see contact details in section 11 for more information.

First Leicester also offer an unlimited student travel pass at £243 for the 2007/2008 academic year.

(Prices are not yet known for the 2008/2009 academic year.)

3. What times during the day can students use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?

3(a) Leicestershire County Council

Students with the standard public service passes can use them in term-time only Monday-Friday between 6.00am and 10.00pm, one return journey per day. The County Council is currently running a pilot scheme to issue entitled post 16 students with £50 worth of vouchers, which can be used by the student on any participating local bus service in the county at any time and for journeys made by taxi. This is in addition to a bus pass allowing a daily return journey between home and school/college.

Concessionary Fares Scheme – Leicestershire District Councils

Concessionary travel passes issued to disabled students can be used for free travel at all times provided the journey starts in Leicestershire or the city of Leicester. Journeys starting outside Leicestershire before 9.30am on schooldays may be available at concessionary rates, depending on the rules laid down by the council in whose area the journey starts.

3(b) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire). To travel to college before the first morning class and to leave after the last afternoon lesson.

Leicester College (Leicester): If student is awarded a bus pass via college Learner Support Funds the pass is usable all day to all destinations within the limits of the bus pass (i.e. city pass will not be usable within county boundaries).

Loughborough College (Leicestershire): Passes provided by the college can only be used for the stated journey (home to college) and for the specified company. Travel is for college hours during weekdays and term time only. Arriva Leicester Plus Saver can be used all day every day including evenings and weekends.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Leicestershire): The shuttle bus runs between 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

South Leicestershire College students can either use their pass 24/7 or one journey to and from the college depending on the pass issued.

Stephenson College (Coalville, Leicestershire). Weekdays: Monday – Friday only.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): Arriva or First passes; there are no restrictions on these passes.

4. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course

4(a) Leicestershire County Council

Mainstream students who begin a course at 16+, 17+ or 18+, if initially eligible, continue to receive subsidised transport until the course ends, normally two years.

For students with statements of special educational needs, the free transport normally continues until the course ends. In a school this will normally be not later than the school year in which the student becomes 19. For students in colleges the transport continues until the end of the academic year in which the student reaches 22, providing the college course is continuous to this date.

4(b) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire). Over 19's are not excluded from applying assistance with transport costs.

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester). Support will be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course provided they meet the criteria for eligibility.

Leicester College (Leicester): All students regardless of age are eligible to apply for support from the Learner Support Fund. However, as an over 19 the means-tested assessment will be based on students income and not that of the parents.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire). Yes, if they were 18 or under when starting their course.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Leicestershire). Students who reach 19 may be able to get some help towards the costs through the College Learner Support Fund.

South Leicestershire College (Leicestershire). Support will be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

Stephenson College (Leicestershire). Students who become 19 during the academic year are supported until the end of that academic year.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): Support will be

made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

For other colleges see the list of contacts at the end of this document.

5. How will students be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g., means testing or must they be on benefits?

5(a) Leicestershire County Council

Eligibility for transport is generally not to do with the student or family's means: see section 2 of this document describing the LA policies. There is a flat-rate charge of £240 for 2008/2009 for entitled students with no means tested exceptions.

The LA's Post-16 Access Fund (described in section 2 of this document, at present only available to school students, as colleges have similar funds available) offers three schemes:

Scheme 1 offers £100-£400 according to income, and up to gross family income (less some allowances) of £25,000.

Scheme 2 is emergency payments (not means tested).

Scheme 3 is for IT equipment for disabled students who need special equipment for the course.

These schemes are subject to amendment depending on the budget for 2008/09 from the Learning Skills Council.

5(b) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire). Students can apply to the College Learner Support Fund if they or their parents are in receipt of a means tested benefit or the household income of student and/or parent is below £30,810

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester): Means tested applications can be made to Learner Support, any financial allocations are based on individual circumstances.

Leicester College (Leicester): All applications are means tested based upon the disposable income of parents and/or student. Students are automatically entitled to the LSF if they, or parents, are in receipt of a means-tested benefit. Distance from campus may also affect the type of bus pass provided.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire). Applicants with a family income of £16,000pa or below are invited to apply to the college's Learner Support funds for help with all or part of their travel costs.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Leicestershire) Those students 16-19 in receipt or dependant on income based benefits such as Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance and Tax Credits with Annual household income of less than £15,050 (this is subject to change) or support under VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999 do not have to pay this charge.

South Leicestershire College (Leicestershire): Students must be 3 miles or above from the college and be on a full-time course. Eligibility is not means-tested.

Stephenson College (Coalville, Leicestershire). To be eligible for a bus pass students must be 16-19 years old, live 3 miles or more from the college and be enrolled on a full-time course. Eligibility is not means-tested. If a student is not eligible for a bus pass, help may be available to support towards costs with home to college transport.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): Means tested: contact the college for details.

For other colleges see the list of contacts at the end of this document.

6. What help do you provide for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or students facing other difficulties in following their courses?

6(a) Leicestershire LA

Details of the LA's policy for pupils/students with special educational needs are given in section 2 of this document.

In addition to the provision for SEN students described in section 2 of this document, those with particular disabilities and/or learning difficulties receive additional support, possibly including:

- providing solo transport
- providing wheelchair access transport
- transporting specialist equipment/learning aids to & from college
- exceptionally, providing an escort to assist with care during the journey.

6(b) Leicestershire County Council

Concessionary fares: Leicestershire District Councils' concessionary fares schemes are mentioned in section 2 above. The disabled persons' scheme in all areas except Charnwood covers the following:

- registered blind, partially sighted
- severely/profoundly deaf
- registered, or eligible to register, as someone with a learning disability
- medically unfit to hold a driving licence
- without speech, i.e. unable to communicate orally in any language
- without the use of both arms
- disabled with a permanent severe walking difficulty

In all cases the concession holder can choose either a travel pass (free travel at all times for local bus journeys starting in Leicestershire or the city of Leicester, and free off peak local bus travel elsewhere in England), or travel vouchers to the annual value of £33.

Charnwood Borough Council provides its own scheme. The availability is broadly similar to the above but applications are administered separately by Charnwood Borough Council who should be directly contacted for more detailed information.

6(c) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire): Special transport (taxi) is arranged by the LEA through the college for those students unable to use public transport.

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester): Special transport is arranged by LA as appropriate for students with specific mobility needs - those identified on applications and interview. Learner Support Funds may help in individual cases and students can apply for these.

Leicester College (Leicester): Students with learning difficulties/disabilities are automatically entitled to a bus pass paid for via the LSF. If a student requires alternative travel (i.e. taxis) we advise all students to discuss their needs during their course interview. At this point the College will investigate the individual needs for alternative travel and establish arrangements accordingly. Support will be given with completing appropriate application forms; travel cards; journey cards; taxi fares if appropriate. If a student identifies a disability on the college application form – a disability officer will contact the student to discuss appropriate arrangements. The College will charge a student contribution for all students who require taxi provision.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire): Students with SEN may have free passes if they are under 19 at the start of their further education course. If students are over 19 we invite them to apply for help through the Learner Support funds if they meet the eligibility criteria. Those unable to use public transport should contact the Transport Adviser, Student Access Centre for further information on Special Transport.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Leicestershire): Students with learning difficulties who are not able to travel on public transport come into college by taxi – arranged through Leicestershire County Council. Students over 19 can apply to access fund if they are on a means tested benefit.

South Leicestershire College (Leicestershire): Provided by the LA at present. Learner Support Funds would assist as necessary.

Stephenson College (Leicestershire): Free travel is provided to 16-19 year old students attending a full time course of study where they reside more than three miles from the college. Help may be available from the Learner Support Fund, to those who do not fit the eligibility criteria. Over 19 year old students following a course designed for those with Special Educational Needs, can be provided with a bus pass. (Please ask at Student Services).

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): Contact the college for details.

Other colleges may offer assistance – see list of contacts at the end of this document.

7. Do you provide mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport?

7(a) Leicestershire Post 16 Transport Partnership

For the last four academic years the partnership were able to offer additional funding to schools and colleges to carry out additional mobility/independence training. Further details on accessing this training can be obtained from individual establishments.

The Leicestershire Post 16 Transport Partnership in collaboration with Leicester City Council are committed to promote the benefits of independent travel training. Past events included a tour by a theatre group to visit schools and FE colleges across both the City and County of Leicestershire to deliver Independent Travel Training

workshops. For 2007/2008 a website is in development to be launched early June 2008 with drama activity to engage both learners and practitioners.

7(b) Special Schools.

Students attending one of Leicestershire's Special schools would take part in programmes appropriate to their needs to promote mobility/independence training as part of the normal curriculum.

7(c) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire): Yes whenever appropriate.

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester): Works jointly with LA promoting independent travel where appropriate.

Leicester College (Leicester): Yes. Individual course may provide it through the framework of the programme or a Mobility Training package may be established through the transport arrangements as a whole. Bonus payments and college certificates are awarded to all students who successfully complete the training.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire): some students receive mobility training, often as an integral part of their course. Those unable to use public transport should contact the Transport Adviser for further information.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Leicestershire): College offers a number of courses to promote independence skills e.g. Pathfinders course. Travelling independently is part of these programmes.

South Leicestershire College (Leicestershire): Yes, for Towards Independence for Learners.

Stephenson College (Leicestershire): Yes, for Skills for work/life students during their programme of study.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): No, but would provide if appropriate in an individual case.

See list of contacts at the end of this document for other colleges.

8. When should students start to apply for transport support?

8(a) Leicestershire County Council

Applications should be received on the standard application form by 27th June 2008 to ensure transport can be arranged prior to the start of the academic year. If applications are received after this date, there may be a delay in agreeing and arranging transport. Applications need to be made for each year of post 16 education. Learners in years 11 and 12 will automatically receive information and an application form during March/April.

For students with special educational needs, the colleges and the LA normally organise transport jointly: colleges have application forms for students. For student enquiries see the list of contacts at the end of this document.

8(b) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire): Transport packs are sent out to all full time students at the end of May.

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester): Students are given financial support information at interview and are sent application forms for the Learner Support Funds. These are assessed and means tested over the summer so that support can be allocated from the start of term. Students are also given information and sent forms before they start College to apply for the LA pass if appropriate. Information on college travel is included at interview and in the College Introduction pack and student diary. It is also covered in finance/transition talks for Year 10 and 11 students.

Leicester College (Leicester): The College will contact all under 19 students about transport by the end of July. If any student has not heard by this date or is uncertain of any details we recommend you to contact Student Advice on 0116 2242035 or 0116 2244048.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire): application forms are sent out at the end of June. Students should apply as soon as they receive this form. The Leicester Student Saver is usually available from the beginning of August.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Leicestershire): Bus Passes – should apply in June each year.

Stephenson College (Leicestershire): Home to College transport forms are posted from June onwards to those students who have accepted their places on a course and are available for second year

returners during June before they finish for the summer.

South Leicestershire College (Wigston, Leicestershire): Applications should be made when a place on a course has been offered. Learners may continue to make requests throughout the academic year.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): If possible, applications should be made in the Summer Term prior to the start of a course, although they can be made at any stage of the course; re-applications are required each year.

For other colleges, see list of contacts at the end of this document.

9. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LA area?

9(a) Leicestershire County Council

The LA's policies for mainstream and special school/college transport entitlement are described in section 2 of this document. The same policies and criteria apply if the nearest suitable school/college for the student is outside Leicestershire LA's area.

District Councils' concessionary fare scheme (for details see sections 2 and 6 of this document): passes and vouchers are valid for all journeys within Leicestershire and Leicester and as far as the following out-county destinations: Derby, Nottingham, Newark, Grantham, Corby, Kettering, Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Nuneaton, Atherstone and Burton on Trent; providing that one end of the journey is in Leicestershire.

9(b) Individual colleges

South Leicestershire College (Wigston, Leicestershire): Would provide support where necessary.

Stephenson College (Leicestershire): Students have travelled from Leicester City and Derbyshire and we have still offered free transport.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): If not eligible for LA support, students may apply to the Learner Support Fund. If support is given this is usually as a bus pass, although a subsidy may be available to students who make a contribution to the cost of LA passes.

10. What help is available for students who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire): The college has some residential accommodation and may also assist 18+ students in finding accommodation in shared houses. There is also a residential bursary scheme which can help with re-location costs for educational purposes.

Loughborough College (Leicestershire): Loughborough is a university town and therefore has a lot of rented accommodation available. The college offers halls of residence and homestay accommodation. Please note the college is not able to offer accommodation to students resident in Leicestershire [including Leicester City]. Once students have decided to live away from home some financial help may be available, if eligibility criteria is met, from the College's Learner Support funds. Students attending the BTEC National Diploma in Sport or the QYC Personal Trainers course may apply for help from the Further Education Residential Support Programme www.direct.gov.uk. These two courses are the only ones the college offer which are eligible for help from this fund.

Stephenson College (Leicestershire): Accommodation is provided for 'contract' Motor Vehicle courses only.

11. Please provide information about all points of contact for students seeking transport support, e.g. LA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

11(a) Leicestershire County Council

For eligibility for mainstream school/college transport: Leicestershire LA Allocations Section: tel. 0116-305-6630 (office hours 8.30-5.00 Monday-Thursday, 8.30-4.30 Friday)

For transport provision: Leicestershire Dept of HT&WM; passenger transport: helpline 0116-305-8777 (office hours 8.15-5.00 Monday-Thursday, 8.15-4.30 Friday); or Traveline: 0870-608-2608/www.traveline.org.uk

For students with statements of special educational needs:

(a) eligibility for SEN students:

- Special Educational Needs Assessment Service: 0116-305-6600 (for school students)
- Student Finance: 0116-305-6283 (for further education students)

Passenger Transport Unit Helpline: 0116- 3058777

For further information about concessionary travel for disabled students: [www.leics.gov.uk/roads & transport/Bus Pass - for Disabled People](http://www.leics.gov.uk/roads%20&%20transport/Bus%20Pass%20-%20for%20Disabled%20People);
e-mail to conctravel@leics.gov.uk
telephone enquiries to Leicester (0116) 3058777

For application to the Post 16 Access Fund 0116 305-6588

Post 16 Transport Access Fund.0116 305-7708

11(b) Individual colleges

Brooksby Melton College (Leicestershire)
Contact Karen Middlemiss (Learner Services), tel. 01664 855294
Email: kmiddlemiss@brooksbymelton.ac.uk
Information available at interview and in transport pack.
Website: www.brooksbymelton.ac.uk

Gateway Sixth Form College (Leicester): 0116 2580700. Shirley Munden; E-mail: studentservices@gateway.ac.uk; website: www.gateway.ac.uk

Leicester College (Leicester): 0116 2242035 or 2244048 to discuss any travel queries with a member of the Student Advice and Guidance Team.

For information regarding transport provision for students with learning difficulties contact Eileen Hersey on 0116 2242000 extension 2053.
For information regarding LA transport provision contact College Registry on 0116 2242000 extension 2231 (Freemen's Park Campus) and 0116 2244100 extension 4208 (Abbey Park/ St Margarets Campus).

For any other transport queries email
srobinson@leicestercollege.ac.uk

<http://www.loucoll.ac.uk/students> Loughborough College website:
studentaccessenquiries@loucoll.ac.uk
Transport Adviser Student Access Centre Loughborough College
Radmoor Road Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 3BT
telephone: (01509) 618386

E-mail enquiries: buspass@loucoll.ac.uk
Telephone: (01509) 618359;

www.direct.gov.uk Further Education Residential Support Programme

Loughborough University School of Art & Design: 01509 228903

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College (Hinckley): 01455 251222
Website; www.nwhc.ac.uk

Regent College
Tel: (0116) 255 4629
Email: support@regent-college.ac.uk
Website: www.regent-college.ac.uk

South Leicestershire College (Wigston): 0116 2885051. Transport assistance is discussed and forms distributed on interview.
College website: www.slccollege.ac.uk

Stephenson College (Coalville):
Telephone: 01530 836136
Fax: 01530 814253
Website: www.stephensoncoll.ac.uk

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College (Leicester): Further details and application forms are available from the Student Services Office: 0116 2231915; Email: richard.cooper@wqeic.ac.uk; Website: www.wqeic.ac.uk

The Rutland College (Oakham): 0845 658 8990
www.rutlandcollege.ac.uk

11(c) Bus Operators

www.arrivabus.co.uk

www.kinchbus.co.uk

www.firstgroup.com

www.nationalexpressgroup.com

11(d) Rail Services

www.centraltrains.co.uk

www.midlandmainline.com

11(e) General Information

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Glenfield
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LE3 8RF
Telephone 0116 232 3232
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Website: www.leics.gov.uk

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Bus routes and timetable information are available on this site or by telephone: 0870 608 2 608

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