**Lancashire County Council**

**Post 16 Transport Policy Statement**

**2011/2012**

**Summary of Policy Statement and Main Objectives**

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to prepare and publish an annual Transport Policy Statement which complies with the requirements of section 509 of the Education Act 1996 regarding adequate provision of transport to facilitate the attendance of learners of sixth form age.

The Transport Policy Statement describes the transport support available to young people aged 16-19 years old, and young persons up to 25 years old who have a learning difficulty and /or a disability, who are entering or continuing in further education and learning.

This statement provides information regarding transport support available for Lancashire learners, for the academic year 2011/2012.

In addition to the support detailed below, on March 28 2011, DfE announced that from September 2011, they will introduce a new £180m 16-19 bursary fund, which will enable schools and colleges to target support to those students facing the greatest financial barriers to participation. The new scheme will have the flexibility to allow for transport costs where schools and colleges identify this as a barrier to individual students' participation. For information regarding the bursary, [lease contact the college or sixth form.

**Details of support available**

**For Students attending a School Sixth Form**

For the 2011/12 academic year Lancashire County Council will continue to offer Transport Grants for School Sixth Formers. Grants for eligible students range from £100 to £500 per annum on a sliding scale, dependent on distance from home to school (minimum 2 miles) and household income in the 2010/11 tax year (maximum £39,999).

The grant is paid directly into the student's bank account each term provided an attendance level of 95% or above is confirmed by the School Sixth Form.

Students can apply online from 1st August at <https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/online/services/transportgrants/>

However applications will not be processed until after enrolment when the student will need to forward a signed Learning Agreement from the Sixth Form to the Transport Grants Team at Lancashire County Council.

Further information can be obtained from the Transport Grant Team

Telephone: 01772 530430 Email: [studentservices@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:studentservices@lancashire.gov.uk)

The closing date for applications is Monday 2nd April 2012

For details of support available through the new 16-19 bursary, please contact the School Sixth Form direct.

To enquire about availability of places for sixth formers on the school bus, please contact the school travel line on 01772 534588

**For Students attending a Further Education College**

The table below outlines the support available for the principal Further Education Colleges attended by Lancashire residents. The information provided is correct as at May 2011 and may change for September 2011.

In general college travel passes permit travel to and from the college at the start and end of the college day. However some passes may allow greater flexibility. Details of this and any assessment criteria and costs to the student can be obtained by contacting the college

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|  | **Transport support available** | **Contact details** | |
| **Accrington & Rossendale College** | Subsidised bus pass that can be also be used evenings, weekends and many half term holidays. Contact the college for more information | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Accrington and Rossendale College  Broad Oak Campus  Broad Oak Road  Accrington  BB5 2AW  01254 389933  [info@accross.ac.uk](mailto:info@accross.ac.uk)  [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk) |
| **Blackburn College** | -Anytime,Anywhere bus pass across Lancashire and beyond.  -Dedicated safe bus service to and from Rossendale and Hynburn.  -Train pass for Bolton, Clitheroe, Darwen, Preston, Nelson and Colne | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | The Hub  Blackburn College  Feilden Street  Blackburn  BB2 1LH  01254 292929  [thehub@blackburn.ac.uk](mailto:thehub@blackburn.ac.uk)  [www.blackburn.ac.uk](http://www.blackburn.ac.uk) |
| **Blackburn St Mary's College** | Subsidised SMC travel pass. Direct bus services operate twice daily in term time in time for start and finish of college day.  10% discount on Transdev Lancashire United spotOn tickets, on production of SMC student ID card | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services  St Mary's Sixth Form College  Shear Brow  Blackburn  BB1 8DX  01254 586939  [studentservices@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk)  [www.stmarysblackburn.ac.uk](http://www.stmarysblackburn.ac.uk) |
| **Blackpool 6th Form College** | College bus service to and from Freckleton, Warton, Lytham and St Annes  Subsidised Transport Scheme in conjunction with Blackpool Transport (All Zone and Central Zone passes);  Stagecoach (Goldrider tickets) and Fylde Villager (reduced Fylde Villager Network bus pass) | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Debbie McHardy  Student Services & Welfare Officer  Blackpool Sixth Form College  Highfurlong  Blackpool  FY3 7LR  01253 394911 ext.765  <DMchardy@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk>  <www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk> |
| **Blackpool & the Fylde College** | Information not yet available - due June 2011. | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | The Welfare Team  Blackpool and the Fylde College  Ashfield Road  Blackpool  FY2 0HB  01253 504350/504496  <Studentserviceswelfareteam@blackpool.ac.uk>  <www.blackpool.ac.uk> |
| **Burnley College** | Discounted travel pass  Financial assistance towards the cost of travel Free travel passes Half price Metro travel for students outside the area | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services  Burnley College  Princess Way  Burnley  BB12 0AN  01282 733333  [www.burnley.ac.uk](http://www.burnley.ac.uk) |
| **Lancaster & Morecambe College** | College Bus Service during term time on routes in Lancashire, Cumbria and North Yorkshire | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services  Lancaster & Morecambe College  Morecambe Road  Lancaster  LA1 2TY  01524 521237  [info@lmc.ac.uk](mailto:info@lmc.ac.uk)  [www.lmc.ac.uk](http://www.lmc.ac.uk) |
| **Myerscough College** | College bus service during term time from Preston, Blackpool, Burnley/Blackburn, Chorly/Leyland, Morecambe/Lancaster and Lytham/St Annes | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Steve Craven -Student Finance Advisor  Myerscough College  Bilsborrow  Preston  Lancashire PR3 0RY  01995 642398  [scraven@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:scraven@myerscough.ac.uk)  [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk) |
| **Nelson & Colne College** | Student ID card allows purchase of discounted railcard or bus travel pass, which includes the Pendle and Burnley Seven Ticket or the Day Gold Ticket (valid on 'The Witch Way', Lancashire United and all Burnley and Pendle buses) | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services  Reedyford Site  Scotland Rd  Nelson  BB9 7YT  01282 440209  [learnerservices@nelson.ac.uk](mailto:learnerservices@nelson.ac.uk)  [www.nelson.ac.uk](http://www.nelson.ac.uk) |
| **Preston - Cardinal Newman College** | Concessionary fares on Stagecoach North west, Preston Bus, Fishwick bus and Transdev Lancashire United. | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Anne Holland - Student Services Manager  Cardinal Newman College  Lark Hill Road  Preston  PR1 4HD  01772 460181  [aholland@cardinalnewman.ac.uk](mailto:aholland@cardinalnewman.ac.uk)  [www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk](http://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk) |
| **Preston College** | Bus passes for bus services provided into the college for 9:15am and from the college at 4:45pm across 5 designated routes | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services  Preston College  St Vincent's Road  Preston  PR1 6AS  Tina Southworth 01772 225658 or Louise Noblett 01772 225674  [www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk) |
| **Runshaw College** | Bus pass for dedicated college buses travelling to college in the morning and from college in the afternoon.  'Leyland zone' travel pass for local students Subsidised bus passes on local regular bus services | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Lin Parr - Schools Liaison Office Administrator  Schools Liaison Team  Runshaw College  Langdale Road  Leyland  PR25 3DQ  01772 643000  [info@runshaw.ac.uk](mailto:info@runshaw.ac.uk)  [www.runshaw.ac.uk](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk) |
| **Skelmersdale College** | Arriva bus pass issued on a termly basis offering unlimited travel | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services  Skelmersdale & Ormskirk College  Yewdale  Skelmersdale  WN8 6JA  01695 52393/52401  [enquiries@skelmersdale.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@skelmersdale.ac.uk)  [www.skelmersdale.ac.uk](http://www.skelmersdale.ac.uk) |
| **Wigan – St John Rigby College** | Information not available – contact college direct. | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Student Services Centre  St John Rigby College  Gathurst Road  Orrell  Wigan  WN5 0LJ  01942 214797  [wyn.highton@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:wyn.highton@sjr.ac.uk)  [www.sjr.ac.uk](http://www.sjr.ac.uk) |
| **Wigan & Leigh College** | Subsidised bus passes | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Hilary McClean  Student Services Centre  Wigan and Leigh College  PO Box 53  Parson's Walk  Wigan  WN1 1RS  01942 761807  [transportqueries@wigan-leigh.ac.uk](mailto:transportqueries@wigan-leigh.ac.uk)  [www.**wigan**-**leigh**.ac.uk](http://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk) |
| **Winstanley College** | Annual travel permit for dedicated services from Burscough, Parbold, Ormskirk, Aughton, Skelmersdale, Roby Mill, Chorley, Adlington, and Coppull | Address  Telephone  Email  Website | Transport Coordinator  Winstanley College  Winstanley Road  Billinge  Wigan  WN5 7XF  01695 628624  [sonia.heyes@winstanley.ac.uk](mailto:sonia.heyes@winstanley.ac.uk)  [www.winstanley.ac.uk](http://www.winstanley.ac.uk) |

**Public transport concessionary fares, discounts and subsidies**

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| **Operator** | **Support available** | **Contact telephone details** |
| [Arriva North West Ltd](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk) | **Arriva Student Saver** - offers unlimited travel on Arriva buses, including evenings and weekends (excluding 'night bus' services) and more than 30% saving on bus fares. | Tel: 0844 800 44 11 for further information or an application form |
| [Blackpool Transport Services Ltd](http://www.blackpooltransport.com/) | **Blackpool Transport TravelCards**  1 day, 3 day, 5 day or 7 day TravelCards are available for travel all over Blackpool and the Fylde Coast  **Zone Cards**  7 Day or 30 Day Zone Cards are available for unlimited travel within certain Zones either bus or tram  **Metro Saver Tickets**  Unlimited travel for one day across Blackpool and the Fylde Coastfor travel at any time across Metro Coastline services from Lytham to Fleetwood are available. | Tel: 01253 473001 |
| [John Fishwick & Sons](http://www.fishwicks.co.uk/contact.asp) | Contact operator for details | Tel: 01772 421207 |
| [Preston Bus](http://www.prestonbus.co.uk/ticket.htm) | **Preston Student Bus pass** available for students attending Preston College offering unlimited bus travel on Preston Bus  **Easirider Tickets**  Weekly or 28 day pass for unlimited travel on Preston Bus. | Tel:01772 253671/821199 |
| [Rossendale Transport](http://www.rossendalebus.co.uk/) | **Travel club for Young People**  Discounted 7 day Rover tickets available to members (£2 membership charge) of the Travel club | Tel 01706 390520 |
| [Stagecoach Northwest](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Lancaster) | **Dayrider and Megarider**  **( including Megarider Plus and Megarider Gold) tickets** offer either 1 day or 7 days unlimited travel  **Pocketrider**  An ID card which allows 16-18 year olds to purchase a child single or day return fare after 09:00 Monday to Friday, or anytime Saturday and Sunday. | For Lancaster & Morecambe Tel: 01524 422217 For Preston Tel: 01772 884484 For Chorley Tel: 01257 267728 |
| [Transdev](http://www.lancashirebus.co.uk/)  for Lancashire United; the Witch Way; the Lancashire Way and Spot On | Student discount scheme, usually around 10% | Witch Way - Tel: 0845 6040110  All other – Tel: 0845 2727272 |

**Support for Learners with Disabilities and/or Learning Difficulties**

Each of the further education institutions has policies to ensure that appropriate support is provided to enable students to complete their courses. Students should contact the colleges directly for more details.

Lancashire County Council will provide assistance for those students with special educational needs (those previously eligible for transport assistance as a result of SEN)

Please contact your Area Education Office for more information – see the Contacts

In addition **disabled students** can apply for the **NoWcard**

NoWcard has been set up jointly by Cumbria and Lancashire County Councils, and Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Borough Councils, in conjunction with the District Councils of Lancashire and Cumbria to enable concessionary bus travel for both disabled and elderly residents.

**What can you apply for?**

You can apply for a pass which will entitle holders to

* Travel for no cost on local off-peak buses anywhere in England. Free travel is available from 9.30am to 11.00pm Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays.
* 50p flat fare per journey on local bus services which start, end or are wholly within Lancashire (includes Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool) before 09:30 Monday to Friday.
* Free off peak travel on Tramcar services in Blackpool and Wyre (except special tours and excursions, after 18:00 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and the October school half term during the illuminations period).

**Who can apply?**

The scheme is open to all citizens over the age of 5 who:

* Are registered blind or partially sighted
* Are registered profoundly or severely deaf
* Are without speech
* Have a disability or suffered an injury which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to walk
* Have a learning disability that is a state of arrested development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning
* Do not have both arms or have long term loss of the use of both arms
* Would be refused a driving license under Section 92 of the Road Traffic Act (1998), otherwise than on the ground of persistent drug or alcohol misuse

**Where to apply?**

Lancashire residents can apply at various local offices. Contact the NoWcard Helpline on 0845 058 1096 to find details of your nearest District Council Office or Telly Talk™ venue. Customer Service Officers will complete your application and take your photograph. There is no need to fill out an application form or provide a recent passport photograph. You will however still need to produce [proof of address](http://www.nowcard.org/proofofaddress.asp) and [proof of disability](http://www.nowcard.org/proofofdisability.asp).

**Mobility / independence training for learners who face difficulty with transport**

A number of colleges provide training and support. Please contact the college or school directly.

Bus Confidence is a website designed to help young people with special educational needs travel to school or college on their own. The on-line training package is available free of charge at [Bus Confidence](http://www.busconfidence.com/)

**Additional useful contact information**

**Area Education Offices**

**Area Education Office North**

(Serving Lancaster, Wyre and Fylde)

 PO Box 606

White Cross Education Centre

Quarry Road

Lancaster

LA1 3SQ

01524 581134

**Area Education Office South**

(Serving Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire, and Chorley)

Joint Divisional Offices

East Cliff

Preston

PR1 3JT

01772 533606

**Area Education Office East**

(Serving Ribble Valley, Hyndburn, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale)

The Globe Centre

St James's Square

Accrington

BB5 0RE

01254 220716

The **Lancashire County Council Traveline 0870 608 2 608** can provide information on travel timetables.

**Appeals and Complaints Procedure**

**Appeals to Lancashire County Council for LCC Schemes**

Students whose applications to the Local Authority have been refused and who feel that there are valid reasons for their application to be considered further should write to: Mrs. J Darbyshire  
 Senior Service Support Officer  
 Transport Grant Team  
 Lancashire County Council  
 PO Box 61  
 County Hall  
 Preston  
 PR1 8RJ

**Appeals to Colleges of Further Education**

If you have applied for transport support from a local college, have been unsuccessful and feel there are valid reasons for an appeal, please write to the Principal at the relevant College.