

Travelling to School by Public Transport.

All pupils under 16 using public transport should be able to access some form of reduction in fare.

In order to obtain these reductions proof of age is often an issue, especially when travelling out of uniform, which will occur occasionally even on school days. It can be very useful to obtain an under 16 card.

There are a variety of resources and points of information to help you work out the best way to access free or reduced cost travel. Travel shops in a number of local interchanges and bus stations are able to give advice.

Websites such as the GMPTE one at www.gmpte.com or local government ones such as www.rochdale.gov.uk are also very helpful.

A number of Local Education Authorities run schemes to allow free travel between home and school on buses, trains and trams if the journey is longer than three miles and takes place before 6:00 p. m. Unfortunately, sometimes these schemes do not permit travel to any school other than the nearest local school. Bury, Rochdale, Manchester and Lancashire all have forms of this scheme. Application forms to Bury, Manchester and Rochdale are kept in school in the main office and applications for all the schemes are available from the relevant local town hall. You will need to complete a form and produce identification and proof of attendance at the school to obtain the pass. You should remember that often you need to reapply each year to join the scheme.

There are also a number of schemes providing for reductions on public transport, such as the System One Junior Seven Day Bus Saver. Details for this are available in Travel Shops and at www.system-1-travel.co.uk Finally, there are some bus routes created especially for Bury Church. There is a letter on this site giving details of one route established following pressure from parents and there is a Yellow bus that runs specifically to and from school each day on a route through Radcliffe (this route was not chosen by the school). Details about this can be found through GMPTE, who run it. The applications are made to

Yellow Bus Scheme
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