

### What if my circumstances change?

If you change your home address, course or college after you have applied for transport you must let us know immediately.

### Code of Conduct

A leaflet will be enclosed with the payment form. Please read it carefully as by accepting transport you are agreeing to abide by it.

### How much does transport cost?

The policy and contribution are reviewed each year at the end of April. You can find out the current contribution by calling 0345 155 1019.

### How can I pay?

You can pay the whole contribution in full or termly by cheque, credit or debit card, or by monthly direct debit. **To get your pass for the start of term, you need to return the payment form by the first week in July at the latest.** Travel passes are posted out around the third week in August.

### Can I get a refund if I change my mind?

Yes. If you pay for your transport and then decide not to go to school or college we will refund the unused part of your payment as long as your travel pass is returned.

### What if I can't pay the contribution?

If you are finding it difficult to pay for your transport please contact your school or college as they may be able to provide help from their Bursary Fund.

### Is there any other help if I'm not eligible for assistance from DCC?

FE colleges can help with post 16 transport in cases where we can't. You must contact your college as soon as possible and, if they are able to help, provide them with a photograph for your pass and payment and/or benefit evidence by 1 July. Please contact the college for more information.

### Public Transport

You may find it cheaper to purchase your bus or train pass direct from your local bus operator. Contact **Traveline 0871 800 22 33** or visit [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) if you don't know which operator serves your area.

**National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50** can help with rail information.

### Local Operators

Axe Valley Mini Travel	01297 625959
Buses of Somerset	01823 211180
Country Bus	01626 833664
Dartline	01392 872900
Filers Travel	01271 863819
First Dorset	01305 783645
Hatch Green Coaches	01823 480338
Plymouth City Bus	01752 662271
Stagecoach Southwest	01392 427711
Tally Ho Coaches	01548 853081
Target Travel	01752 242000
Turners Tours	01769 580242

For more information about school transport please contact **0345 155 1019** or visit [www.devon.gov.uk/school\\_transport](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport)

# Transport for post 16 students

## what you need to know



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## Travelling to sixth form or college

Devon County Council (DCC) provides travel assistance for some post 16 students, but you may be able to travel more cheaply on public transport. For more information see the public transport section overleaf.

### Will I get free transport?

No. If you are over 16 and eligible for assistance you will be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of your travel.

### What do I need to do to get transport?

If you are offered a place on a full time course in Year 12, most establishments in Devon should let us know and if you're entitled to assistance we'll send you a payment form so that you or your parents can pay: this must be received by us by 1 July. You will also need to send a photo of yourself for your pass unless you sent one in the last year.

However, you will need to complete an application form (available from your sixth form/ FE College) if you:

- change address after 1 March in year 11
- think you should be eligible for transport assistance, but have not been contacted by 1 August, or
- are offered a place at a Devon sixth form or college after 15 August
- are attending one of the following establishments and wish to request assistance with transport:

- Plymouth Sixth Forms
- Torbay Sixth Forms
- Out of County establishments (with the exception of Plymouth College of Art)
- Coombeshead Academy
- Newton Abbot College
- Dartmouth Academy
- City College Plymouth
- Teignmouth Community School
- Woodroffe School

### If you will be attending South Devon College

we strongly advise that you make an application to the College for their own scheme before approaching DCC. The College may then refer students to DCC in certain circumstances.

For details of the college's scheme please call the South Devon College Helpzone on 08000 380 123.

**If you will be attending Duchy College** we recommend that you contact the college before making an application to DCC, as their scheme may be a cheaper option. Please contact the college on 01579 372222.

**If you are a returning student in Year 13 or above we'll send you an application form which you must return by 1 June.**

There are separate application forms for students with Special Educational Needs. Please ring **0345 155 1019** or visit [www.devon.gov.uk/school\\_transport](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport) and ask for an application form which you should return to us urgently.

### How do I know if I'm eligible for help?

- ✓ You must be over 16 and under 19 on 1 September.
- ✓ You must live in the Devon local authority area not Torbay or Plymouth.
- ✓ You must be attending a full time Further Education (FE) course.
- ✓ The journey from home to the main school or college campus must be three miles or more.
- ✓ Your journey will take less than 75 minutes.
- ✓ You must attend your designated establishment.

### How do I know which is my designated establishment?

- If the school serving your home address has a sixth form, this school is your designated establishment.
- If there is no sixth form serving your area, transport will be considered to the FE College for your address.
- If you wish to study a specialist course which is not available at your designated establishment and you live within daily travelling distance of the school or college that offers it you may get help to travel there.

**For advice call 0345 155 1019**

### If I apply late will you refund my fares?

No. If you apply late it may take a few weeks to process your pass and you will have to pay your own fare until you get it.