

Your child may be able to get free transport to school, depending on how far the walk is. There is also support for families on low incomes.

This guide is a summary of the county council's school transport policies. It is intended to act as a guide for parents and is not a definitive statement of policy. Please see the full policies or ring the school travel line on 0300 123 6738 for advice.

As a guide, your child could get free transport to school if they attend the nearest suitable school (measured by walking distance, not in a straight line) and the distance from home is:

- 2 miles or more if your child is under 8 years old
- 3 miles or more if they are aged 8 to 16
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If you get the maximum Working Tax Credit or your children are entitled to [free school meals](#), they could get free school transport if they:

- Are over 8 years old, attend the nearest suitable primary school and the distance from home is 2 miles or more
- Are in secondary school, attend one of their three nearest secondary schools and the distance to school is between 2 and 6 miles
- Attend a school other than the nearest school on the grounds of religion or belief if the school attended is the nearest of your religion and the distance is between 2 and 15 miles
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Eligibility under this policy ends at the end of year 11 in secondary school.

The type of transport provided is at the county council's discretion. Normally pupils are sent a travel pass which allows them free travel on a bus or train. In exceptional circumstances, a taxi may be provided.

If your child qualifies for free transport but travels by bicycle, you can claim an allowance. In exceptional circumstances a car mileage allowance may be paid.

The first time you apply or if your child is new to secondary school you will need to complete the attached application form, forms are also available from your local area education office and return to the address on the application form.

You will need to provide a passport type photograph in **Year 7** (first year) for secondary school pupils.

More information can be found at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/)