

**BURSCOUGH
PRIORY ACADEMY**

**School Bus Information
2024 – 2025**

Lancashire County Council: Home to School Transport

Department of Education: Home to school travel and transport guidance. July 2014

Under section 508 (B) of the Education Act 1996 we must provide free transport to and from school for your child if they are aged 5 to 16 and they live outside the legal walking distance between your home and the nearest qualifying school. We must provide additional assistance for families who have a low income.

The Department for Education published statutory guidance for local Authorities in July 2014; Home to school travel and transport guidance. For more information about how the council stores and process your personal data please visit their website [Privacy notice - Lancashire County Council](#).

Information about the Transport Assistance.

The admission information which is available for all parents from each September (online and paper where requested) provides a summary transport policy. **Parents are advised to check the policy carefully if getting their child from home to school and back is a consideration.** Parents are directed to a full copy of the Home to School Transport Policy on the Lancashire County Council website and to seek advice from the area education office if they have any queries.

Due to the many changes within the policy for school travel in Lancashire we are asked a number of questions about how to apply for school transport passes. We would like to make parents aware of the County Councils School Transport website, which offers useful information and advice of what parents need to do:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport.aspx>

In addition to the website, we would also like to make you aware of the dedicated school transport hotline number 0300 123 6738 and email address schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk which can be used to answer any queries you may have.

LCC Fares from September 2024

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Fare – Sept. 2024</u>
0-3 miles	£3.50 return
3-8 miles	£4.90 return
8+ miles	£6.10 return

Commercial Services

Routes, fares and weekly ticket price information can be obtained by contacting the commercial operator directly.

Low Income

If you have a low income and your child is in Year 7 to 11 in secondary school, we may be able to provide free transport if they go to one of their three nearest schools. For your child to receive free transport, the school must be between two and six miles away from your home.

If your child is entitled to free school meals or you receive the maximum amount of Working Tax Credit, you are defined as being on a low income. We have to provide extra help on top of that set out in sections 4 to low-income families.

Assessments to receive assistance with transport are based solely on the distance between home and school. There is no consideration of:

- Bus routes / bus availability.
- Older siblings with entitlement.
- Parental preference for a particular school.
- Grammar school status
- Single sex / mixed cohorts.
- OFSTED findings
- Home to school distances just under three miles.

Please note:

Transport eligibility assessments are undertaken by the Pupil Access Team. All assessments are undertaken within the framework of the published Home to School Transport Policy. Members of the team do not have any discretion to award assistance outside the policy. The policy is determined by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on an annual basis.

Follow the link below to the application for free and partially subsidised transport to school through the Lancashire County Council Website:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/free-travel-to-and-from-school/?page=6>

Season Tickets

Term & Yearly Season tickets can be purchased where space is available on the bus service at a 20% discounted rate off the cost of a daily return fare. Lancashire County Council reserves the right to refuse season ticket applications. You can also spread the cost if you choose to pay by direct debit.

Nb. Season tickets may be withdrawn and refunded if accommodation is required for Statutory Entitled pupils.

Season Ticket Information

Your child's season ticket will be valid for the rest of the academic year from the date of issue.

If you order a season ticket valid from any date in September you will pay the full price from that month (and so on for each following month). We will, however, be happy to arrange for your pass to be valid from the 1st of the next month. If you choose this option, we will send the pass out to you a few days before it becomes valid.

Please see the table for the list of charges.

Prices from September 2024

These mileages are for single journey and for information only, some journeys may vary.

Fare type	Price band A (0-3 miles)	Price band B (3-8 miles)	Price band C (8+ miles)
Return fare	£3.50	£4.90	£6.10
Single fare	£1.95	£2.95	£3.35
Full cost without discount	£665	£931	£1,159
September	£532	£745	£927
October	£478.80	£670.50	£834.30
November	£425.60	£596	£741.60
December	£372.40	£521.50	£648.90
January	£319.20	£447	£556.20
February	£266	£372.50	£463.50
March	£212.80	£298	£370.80
April	£159.60	£223.50	£278.10
May	£106.40	£149	£185.40
June	Not available	Not available	Not available
July	Not available	Not available	Not available
Direct debit price per month	£53.20	£74.50	£92.70

You can choose to pay for the whole year or spread the cost by paying by direct debit.

If you choose to pay by direct debit and your pass is valid from September you will pay ten direct debit payments, if your pass is valid from October, you will pay nine direct debit payments and so on. This is subject to us receiving your application in time to set up the mandate with the bank. All direct debit payments must finish before July and your payment schedule will be arranged accordingly.

Please see the [full terms and conditions](#) for more information about paying for passes.

Year 11 Students

Students in year 11 usually leave school before the end of the academic year so we base the cost on 9 months rather than the 10 for a full year pass. The direct debit terms will be reduced by one month to reflect this.