

Lancashire County Council - Season ticket prices

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 below for the list of charges.

Prices from September 2025

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	£3.60	£5.00	£6.25
Single fare	£2.00	£3.00	£3.45
Full cost without discount	£684.00	£950.00	£1187.50
September	£547.00	£760.00	£950.00
October	£492.30	£684.00	£855.00
November	£437.60	£608.00	£760.00
December	£382.90	£532.00	£665.00
January	£328.20	£456.00	£570.00
February	£273.50	£380.00	£475.00
March	£218.80	£304.00	£380.00
April	£164.10	£228.00	£285.00
May	£109.40	£152.00	£190.00
June	Not available	Not available	Not available
July	Not available	Not available	Not available
Direct debit price per month	£54.70	£76.00	£95.00

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.

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New applications for academic year 2025-26 will be open on 1 June 2025, the link to apply will be reinstated on this date.

To use our contracted buses without a season, ticket your child can pay the daily fare to the driver if there is space available.

Follow these steps to request a school bus season ticket:

1. Request an application pack online. You will need to provide us with the following details:

- School name
- Bus stop
- Child's name, date of birth and address
- Parent/Guardian details

2. If spaces are available on the service, we'll send you a personalised application pack for you to complete and return to us by post.

3. When we have approved your application, we will send you a pass and an invoice/payment schedule.

You will receive an email shortly after your application, please check your spam or junk folder if it hasn't arrived.

Pay

You can pay by cheque, postal order, credit/debit card or direct debit. We will send an invoice or payment schedule and pass once your application is complete.

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School Transport Enquiry Line

Open Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm

Tel: 0300 123 6738

Email: schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk

School Transport Team
Lancashire County Council
P.O. Box 100
County Hall
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 0LD

Lancashire County Council –Free transport to school

Overview

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.

Eligibility

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

If you get the maximum amount of 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 secondary 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

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 travelpass 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.

*You'll get the maximum amount of Working Tax Credit if your annual household income is below the threshold of £7,955 (this is the threshold for the 2024/25 tax year and may change for future tax years).

Choosing a school and transport

If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Not entitled to free transport

Lancashire County Council contracted school bus services are provided for children who qualify for free home to school transport.

If your child is not entitled to free transport, they may still be able to travel on a contracted school bus provided by the county council.

We do not guarantee there will be space on these buses for other non-statutory pupils and parents should not expect that a space will be available for the whole time their child is at their chosen school.

If space is available, you can pay a [daily fare](#) to the driver or if you want to save money you can buy a [season ticket](#). It might be cheaper for your child to travel on a public bus service with a discounted weekly ticket.

It is also important to note that service routes are subject to change and services which no longer carry eligible pupils' risk being withdrawn.

The county council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to plan how your child will get to school if space is not available.

When to apply

If your child is **transferring from primary to secondary school** Lancashire County Council will write to you (usually in May or June) if we think your child is eligible. If you have not received a letter by 30 June and think you may be entitled contact –

Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire

Phone enquiries - Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Closed for bank holidays.

Phone for all enquiries: 01772 532 109

If your application is granted, you should expect to receive the pass on the following dates:

- If received by 19 July passes sent out by 16 August
- If received during August passes will be sent within 20 working days of receipt

If your application is received **after 10 August**, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to issue a pass by the start of the new term.

Outside of these dates, passes will normally be issued and posted to you by 2nd class post within ten working days from the date your application has been granted.

You can buy a season ticket for use on Lancashire County Council's contracted school services where spaces are available.

With a season ticket you can save up to 20% of the cost of the daily return fare. You can also spread the cost if you choose to pay by direct debit.

About contracted bus services

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Consideration should be given to other options such as public transport, car sharing, cycling and walking.

To plan the route and find out about services please see the Traveline website or call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 (open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm. Calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge).