

CARMEL COLLEGE TRANSPORT AGREEMENT – TERMS & CONDITIONS

This is an **annual** agreement and runs for the academic year – September 2026 - July 2027. By Agreeing to these terms and conditions you are agreeing to a contract for the whole year. Withdrawals will not be allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances.

1. **Payment must be received monthly as per instalment plan.** We offer parents a variety of ways to make payments, including cash, cheque and online via Arbor. Failure to meet the instalment plan may result in your child's bus pass being revoked until such time as payment is made.
2. Approximate termly amounts per £5.60 for **Darlington** routes as an example are given below for information and are subject to change re Academic Mentoring Days etc:-

Term	No of Days	Cost per day	Total per term
Autumn 2026	71	£5.60	£397.60
Spring 2027	68	£5.60	£380.80
Summer 2027	49	£5.60	£274.40
Total for Year	188	£5.60	£1,052.80

Travel dates and payment sums will be provided upon notification of a bus place. Bus routes from further distances will be charged at a higher rate

3. Bus passes will be issued for the academic year. If payment is not made as required as per instalment plan, passes will be taken from students until such time as payment is made.
4. Valid bus passes must be carried and shown each day to the bus driver.
5. You are agreeing to an annual subscription to this service. You cannot withdraw from this service unless there are exceptional circumstances i.e. moving house. All withdrawals must be approved by the Principal.
6. Only children whose parents are members of the scheme may travel.
7. No refunds will be given for sickness, term-time holidays, exclusions, study leave, or other absence from school.
8. All students must use the seatbelts provided and must not share seats.
9. Students must stay seated at all times while the bus is moving. Windows and emergency exits must not be opened. Not following these rules may lead to: A temporary or permanent travel ban, further behaviour support or sanctions, including a fixed-term suspension in line with the College behaviour policy
10. Regular checks will be made to ensure that only authorised children are travelling.

11. Pupils/Parents will receive 'Travel Safely in Darlington' a guide for pupils and parents/carers for safer journeys when they receive their bus pass.
12. If your child is subject to a fixed term bus ban this agreement will be suspended and any payments will not be refunded.
13. If your child is subject to a permanent bus ban, this agreement will be terminated by the school and pro-rata payments refunded. The bus ban will remain in force for the duration of your child's secondary education.
14. Proven misconduct will result in the school terminating this agreement, however in this instance a pro rata refund will be returned.

The scheme is managed by the College, and complaints or concerns should be addressed to the Principal.