



**Kent Children
and Young People**

To Special School Headteachers

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Dear Colleague,

Free bus travel for young people and families this summer holiday

Reconnect has teamed up with Kent's bus operators who have again kindly agreed to support children, young people and families this summer holiday with free bus travel. There are two bus passes available for use from 23rd July 2022 to 31st August 2022 inclusive:

- Young Person's Bus Pass – for all pupils in years 6 to 13
- Family Bus Pass – for all families with children in Kent.

Young Person's Bus Pass

We had proposed to move predominantly to a digital Young Person's bus pass, but survey work with families and young people indicates the significant majority would prefer a printed version. Therefore, we are making available both printed and electronic passes which students in Years 6 to 13/14 can use. Your school should receive a delivery of printed bus passes for these pupils within the next two weeks.

We understand that the Young Person's bus pass will not be appropriate for all of your students but we hope that it will be beneficial to some, and that families will be able to make use of the offer. We will leave it to your discretion in consultation with parents as to which students in the relevant year groups you make these available to.

The digital version of the Young Person's Bus Pass is a simple pdf which can be found and downloaded [here](#). Again, I recognise your staff are best placed to know the appropriateness of distributing these to families for their children to use. **Please email this to parents/carers as you deem appropriate.** To use the digital pass, young people will need to download this onto their phone or take a screenshot.


Family Bus Passes

These are available for any family with children in Kent. The pass enables a family of four to travel free, with at least one adult and one child travelling together. The flyer (sent as an attachment in the email with this letter) explains to parents how they can obtain a Family Bus Pass from 20th July. We anticipate most will use the digital version, but printed copies will be available from collection points in each district. **Please email the Family Bus Pass flyer to families, again at your discretion.**

More information about the bus pass offer can be found on [our website](#).

If you have any further queries, please email us at reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk or call a member of the Programme Team on 03000 423423.

Yours sincerely



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