

Free school transport is only available when :

- a) the pupil attends the nearest school to their home address
&
- b) when that distance is over :
 - * TWO miles [Primary] or * THREE miles [Secondary].
 - [* This is based on a walking distance.]

The only exception to the rule is in (b) under TWO or THREE miles, but where the recognised route is deemed hazardous by the Council.

Parents should note :

- Parental choice means that you can send your child to which ever school you wish – but as far as transport is concerned, it is dependent on the above a) & b) rule being met.
- Traditional feeder schools or which school siblings attend or any other local trait have no bearing on free school transport being granted.
- Due to the accurate measuring software used to ascertain eligibility for transport, pupils living in close proximity may not necessarily both qualify.
- Some schools arrange transport to/from the school, this is usually charge for by the school but details should be obtained directly from the school as the Local Authority have no input or authority over these services.
- ALL WCBC Free School Transport has to be applied for [by the end of March preceding the September start of term] Pupils may not use a bus until they have been informed by the authority by letter and issued with a valid bus pass. If a pass is lost, damaged or stolen, there is a £5 charge for any replacement.
- Pupils should only use the bus that they have been allocated to, as any infringement of this rule can lead to over-crowding or pupils being left behind.
- Where ever possible pupils are allocated the nearest school bus stop to their home address, but in some cases this is not always possible and they may have to walk to another location. Within the policy, the authority could allocate a bus stop up to 3 miles from their home, but in practice this does not happen, however, due to the restricted number of bus seats available, pupils cannot be guaranteed a seat on the same bus as their friends or even siblings.

Further details, the Council's Transport Policy and an application form can be found at

www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/Transport_Policy