



School Transport Provision 2015/2016

Dear Principal,

In advance of your Open/ Enrolment Night, I wish to again bring your attention to the terms of the Post Primary School Transport Scheme which are available on the Department of Education and Skills website at www.education.ie

Put simply, **children are eligible for transport where they reside not less than 4.8 kms from and are attending their nearest post primary school/education centre** as determined by the Department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.

In selecting a post primary school, it is important that parents be made aware of eligibility criteria for school transport provision because arising from changes which were introduced in September 2012 it may be the case that children in the same family or area may be eligible for transport to different schools. While it is the prerogative of parents to send their children to the school of their choice, eligibility for school transport is to the nearest school.

To assist parents in relation to school transport eligibility, it would be appreciated if the enclosed Question and Answer Sheet could be brought to parents' attention at your open/enrolment night.

Application Forms are available online at www.buseireann.ie and must be submitted before the last Friday in April (**24th April 2015**). It is important that applications for school transport are made on time as late applicants are not guaranteed seats.

Further information or clarification may be obtained by parents by contacting their local Bus Éireann office; contact details are attached.

Your support in disseminating this information to parents is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Gannon,
Manager, School Transport.



SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2015/2016 School Year

1. Who is eligible?

Children who reside at least **4.8 kilometres** from and attending their **nearest** school are eligible for post primary school transport.

2. How do I apply?

Online to Bus Éireann at www.buseireann.ie

3. When do I apply?

Applications should be submitted before the last Friday in April. Late applicants are not guaranteed a seat.

4. What is the charge?

The current annual charge is €350 per child with a family maximum of €650.

5. Can I spread the payment over the school year?

Payments may be made in two instalments in July and December.

6. Are some children exempt from paying?

Yes. Only eligible children i.e. children residing at least **4.8 kilometres** from and attending their **nearest** school, who hold valid Medical Cards (GMS Scheme), do not pay. All other children must pay.

7. Where can I get more details on the scheme?

Full terms of the Post Primary School Transport Scheme are available at www.education.ie and www.buseireann.ie.

8. Where can I get further information?

From your local Bus Éireann School Transport Office – contact details overleaf.



<u>Counties</u>	<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>e-mail</u>
Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare & Meath	Dublin School Transport Office, Tara House, Tara Street., Dublin 2.	01 8302222	schools.dublin@buseireann.ie
Cavan, Louth & Monaghan	Dundalk School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Longwalk, Dundalk, Co.Louth.	042 6825999	schools.dundalk@buseireann.ie
Cork	Cork School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Capwell, Cork.	021 4557137 / 021 4557129	schools.cork@buseireann.ie
Kerry	Tralee School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Casement Station, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	066 7164750	schools.tralee@buseireann.ie
Limerick, Clare & North Tipperary	Limerick School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Roxboro Rd., Limerick City.	061 217484	schools.limerick@buseireann.ie
Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, South Tipperary & Waterford	Waterford School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Plunkett Station, Waterford City.	051 873401	schools.waterford@buseireann.ie
Galway	Galway School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Ceannt Station, Eyre Square, Galway City.	091 537512 / 091 537694	schools.galway@buseireann.ie
Laois, Offaly, Longford, Roscommon & Westmeath	Athlone School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Station Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	090 6473277	schools.athlone@buseireann.ie
Mayo	Ballina School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Kevin Barry Street, Ballina, Co Mayo.	096 71816	schools.ballina@buseireann.ie
Sligo & Leitrim	Sligo School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, McDiarmada Station, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo.	071 9160440	schools.sligo@buseireann.ie
Donegal	Stranorlar School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal.	074 9131008	schools.stranorlar@buseireann.ie