

North Lincolnshire Student Transport

Policy Statement 2020/21 for students aged 16-18 in further education and students with learning difficulties and disabilities aged 16-25

1. Summary of policy statement and main objectives (this section should give an overview/statement of intent of what the council's transport policy is and what the subsequent desired outcomes are).

The policy is to support students living in North Lincolnshire when they are enrolled on the course*, who are continuing in education after they are 16. We recognise that many students in North Lincolnshire will need to travel considerable distances in order to attend college or school sixth form. The policy aims to ensure students can access courses within our area, and to give additional support, where necessary, to students with disabilities.

Covid 19 has impacted heavily on all areas of our lives including school and college, and the next academic year will be challenging for us in different ways. In order to give choice and control to students and families in regards to their transport needs we will provide colleges with a travel grant to enable flexible transport options.

**we will not provide support for students who move to North Lincolnshire for the purpose of receiving further education.*

2. Please provide details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for learners aged 16–18 and who provides them. Please provide details of any costs to the learner.

2.1 Support available to North Lincolnshire students attending school sixth forms in North Lincolnshire, North Lindsey College, John Leggott College or the Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire (in years 12 and 13 only) from North Lincolnshire Council

Support is available for students who need to travel more than three miles to attend a course of further education at a publicly funded institution.

The support given is a travel grant of £300 for an academic year, paid termly at a rate of £100 per term by North Lincolnshire Council to the college or sixth form. The grant can be used for any transport option, but preferably will be used for public transport.

Students staying on at their school into the sixth form should contact their school for further information.

Students unable to use public transport and who qualify for support under the SEND policy (see section 6 below) will not receive the grant but will have their transport needs met for a contribution of £30 for the full year.

Further information about the council's post 16 student transport policy and how to apply is set out on the council's website at www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-learning/schools-colleges-education/school-admissions-transport/post-16-transport/

2.2 Additional support available to North Lindsey College students

Students attending North Lindsey College can apply for Financial Assistance to help them with travel costs. An application form and further help can be obtained from The Student Revenue Team by telephone 01724 294179, by e-mail student.revenue@northlindsey.ac.uk, or our website www.northlindsey.ac.uk/for-students/transport

2.3 Additional support available to John Leggott College Students

Students attending John Leggott College should contact the Student Support Centre for advice on the financial schemes available to students. Please telephone 01724 407042 or email studentsupport@leggott.ac.uk Further information on how to get to college can be found at

2.4 Additional support available to students attending South Axholme Academy Sixth Form

Students who are either:

- from outside Epworth and who are closer than three miles from South Axholme Academy, or
- from outside North Lincolnshire,

should contact Mr D Odlin (Sixth Form administrator) in school to request help with transport costs.

2.5 Additional support available to students attending Brigg Sixth Form

Students should contact their school for further information, either Sir John Nelthorpe on 01652 650624 or The Vale Academy on 01652 652908.

2.6 Support available to students attending colleges outside North Lincolnshire

It is possible for nearly all students who live in North Lincolnshire to pursue their intended career path by attending a course at a college or school sixth form in North Lincolnshire.

The council's policy is therefore not to provide transport support for attending a course outside North Lincolnshire apart from in the following exceptional circumstance:

- If the course is unavailable in North Lincolnshire and is essential to the student's career progression. If there is a course in North Lincolnshire (which may not be exactly the same as the student's preferred course elsewhere) that provides the student with the same opportunity to follow a higher education course or entry criteria for their chosen career, transport support will not be provided to the course elsewhere.

The distance from home to the out-of-area college should be no more than 25 miles (except for students with learning difficulties and disabilities whose placement has been agreed by the council, and it is the nearest suitable course).

If a grant is approved for study outside North Lincolnshire it will be paid directly to you by the council.

Contact details for colleges in neighbouring areas are given in Section 11 of this document. Students considering attending may wish to check with the relevant college if any transport support is offered by that college.

3. What times during the day can learners use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?

For students receiving the travel grant the availability of concessionary fares will depend on the operator and route.

4. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to learners who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

Support is available for a maximum of three years to students who are under 19 when they start their course, except for students with learning disabilities or difficulties who may be entitled to support after they are 19 years of age (see section 6 below).

5. How will learners be assessed to see if they are eligible for support?

Eligibility is subject to the student living in North Lincolnshire when they are enrolled on their course, and:

- Living more than three miles from school or college when measured according to the nearest walking route

Students who move to North Lincolnshire for the purpose of receiving full-time education may not be eligible for transport support.

Students wishing to attend a course outside North Lincolnshire may not be eligible for support (see 2.6 above.)

6. What help do you provide for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or learners facing other difficulties in following their courses?

Students who:

- Have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), or
- Have learning difficulties or disabilities, or
- Have medical needs
- Are aged **16-25** on 31 August prior to the course starting

and are unable to travel to their course independently, using public transport or other means, or who need extra time to complete their course because of their medical need or disability, may be eligible to receive additional support with their

transport. The college and North Lincolnshire Council or the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) must support the student's attendance on the course and must have evidence that they will continue to make educational progress by undertaking the course.

Support available to students who are able to use public transport is covered in section two above. They may also be eligible to receive free public transport under the national scheme.

The course must be at a school or college within North Lincolnshire unless:

- The out-of-county college placement is funded by a public body such as the ESFA or North Lincolnshire Council

Support available may be specialist transport, with or without an escort, subject to risk assessment.

Students unable to use public transport and who qualify for support under the SEND policy will not receive the grant but will have their transport needs met for a contribution of £30 for the full year.

We would only consider providing support for students aged 19 or more on 31 August, up to the age of 25, if they were attending a course funded by a recognised public body, such as the ESFA.

Further information about the council's post 16 student transport policy for students with disabilities is on the council's website at:
www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-learning/schools-colleges-education/school-admissions-transport/post-16-transport-for-students-with-disabilities/

7. Do you provide mobility/independence training for learners who face difficulty with transport?

The council is working with schools and colleges to promote a programme of Independent Travel Training, so that students will ultimately be able to travel on their own. For some students Independent Travel Training would not be appropriate due to their complex needs, but where students have the potential to benefit from Independent Travel Training it is expected that those students will take part in a programme.

A programme of support would aim to enable a young person to become an independent and safe traveller; as a result it covers topics such as road safety, personal safety, journey planning and coping strategies.

If it is identified through a transport needs assessment that travel training would be an option for an individual student, this will be discussed with the young person, their family and the education provider to determine how a travel training programme will be implemented. A plan will be agreed where it is appropriate to begin a personalised programme of training to meet their needs.

8. When should learners start to apply for transport support?

To apply for the grant you should contact the college or sixth form you will be studying at.

To apply for support to travel outside North Lincolnshire, please contact the School Transport Office by calling 01724 297218 or emailing school.transport@northlincs.gov.uk

9. What help can learners apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your council area?

As explained in section 2.6 above, we will consider applications from students wishing to attend a course outside North Lincolnshire. They should enclose a covering letter to support their case with their application form.

10. What help is available for learners who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?

No support is provided unless the student has an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) and whose residential placement has been approved by the council or ESFA. As explained in section 6, we may offer a mileage allowance in such circumstances.

11. Please provide information about all points of contact for learners seeking transport support, e.g. LA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

For queries about:

North Lincolnshire Council's transport policy and eligibility: 01724 297218, www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-learning/schools-colleges-education/school-admissions-transport/post-16-transport/

Public transport: 01724 297460, or Traveline 0871 2002233
www.traveline.info

John Leggott College: student services: 01724 407042
Email: studentsupport@leggott.ac.uk

North Lindsey College: Customer Services: 01724 294179
Email: student.revenue@northlindsey.ac.uk
www.northlindsey.ac.uk/for-students/transport

Brigg Sixth form:
Sir John Nelthorpe - 01652 650624 www.sirjohnnelthorpe.co.uk
The Vale - 01652 652908 www.valeacademy.org.uk

Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire: 01724 878100

Email: info@enlutc.co.uk

www.enlutc.co.uk/

South Axholme Academy Sixth Form:

Mr D Odlin (Sixth Form administrator) – 01427 872121

www.southaxholmeacademy.co.uk

Wheels 2 Work North Lincolnshire : 01724 296472

E-mail: w2w@northlincs.gov.uk

www.northlincs.gov.uk/jobs-business-regen/working-life/wheels-2-work-north-lincolnshire/

Bishop Burton College: Transport Manager: 01964 553022

www.bishopburton.ac.uk/student-life/free-transport

Franklin College: student services : 01472 875000 ext 772

www.franklin.ac.uk/student-life/getting-to-franklin/

Grimsby Institute: information centre : 0800 315002

<https://grimsby.ac.uk/transport/>

12. Appeals and complaints

Any person wishing to make a formal complaint, or appeal a decision on transport should contact the School Transport Office by calling 01724 297218 or emailing school.transport@northlincs.gov.uk

If the complaint relates to the college or school sixth form students should contact them directly.