

Transport policy statement for learners aged 16-18 in further education and continuing learners aged 19 and over

2010/11 Academic Year

Name of Local Authority: Kingston upon Hull City Council

Department Responsible: Children and Young People's Services

1. Summary of Policy Statement and Main Objectives (this section should give an overview/statement of intent of what the LA's transport policy is and what the subsequent desired outcomes are).

Kingston upon Hull City Council's primary aim within the 2010/11 Home to School/College Transport Policy is to provide young people (including those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities) access to educational opportunity up to the age of 19 years (and up to the age of 25 years in certain circumstances see Section 6).

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.

Kingston upon Hull LA offers the following post 16 transport support for its residents for the 2010/11 academic year:

Travel Grants

Travel Grants to the value of £100 (per academic year) for students who live in Hull on 1/9/2010 and who live 3 miles or more from the sixth form school or college they attend in Hull provided they qualify for an Education Maintenance Allowance or if household income is derived from certain benefits (see below). For students attending Hull College and Bishop Burton College the £100 is paid directly to the College in a joint funding arrangement (see below for details of their respective policies). For students attending Wyke College, Wilberforce College, St Mary's College and East Riding College (Beverley/Hull) the £100 is paid in the form of a cheque directly to the student.

Students who attend a sixth form school or college outside Hull are eligible for a travel grant if the school or college they attend is:

- a. offering a course which is unavailable within Hull and is within a reasonable daily commuting distance, and

- b. the distance is 3 miles or more, and
- c. the student qualifies for either an Education Maintenance Allowance or household income is derived from Income Support or, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance or, Child Tax Credit (with income under £16,190 and not receiving Working Tax Credit) or, guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA – IR).

Travel grants to the value of £100 (per academic year) will also be available to young people who are resident in Hull and who attend either Prospect Training, Hya Training or Hull Training and who qualify for EMA (or household income is derived from benefits as detailed in (c) above) and who live three or more miles from their place of learning. If the programme they are pursuing is less than a full year in duration the travel grant will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Students who do not meet the specified criteria may still be considered for assistance with travel and will be invited to give details of their exceptional circumstances. Each application will be considered on individual circumstances.

Students attending a sixth form school who are not eligible for a travel grant can apply for help with travel costs through the LA's Learner Support Funds. Each application will be considered on individual circumstances.

Special Educational Needs Transport

Free specialist transport for students with special educational needs who are unable to travel independently, up to the age of 19 or until the end of their course if they commenced this before the age of 19 (see Section 6 for young people aged 19 to 25 years).

Hull College

Home students studying 450 guided learning hours (GLH) or more throughout the academic year.

16 – 18 year olds – No help with travel costs will be available to students who live within 3 miles of the college.

Hull Students – Students in receipt of an EMA who live more than 3 miles from the college will be entitled to a concessionary travel pass (mega rider ticket) which provides banded discounts determined by the weekly amount of EMA received by the student (£100 of this is funded by the LEA in substitution for the travel grant). Students should apply direct to Student Services at the College for this support.

Wilberforce College

Wilberforce College will be providing three subsidised EYMS bus routes in 2010/11:

WC1 service from Withernsea via Patrington, Keyingham, Thorngumbald,

Hedon, Preston, Saltend, Greatfield to Wilberforce College.
WC2 service from Hornsea via Seaton, Leven, Skirlaugh, Sproatley, Bilton to Wilberforce College.
WC3 service from Beverley via Woodmansey, Dunswell, Sutton Park, Kingswood to Wilberforce College.
WC4 from Hedon via South Holderness School and Preston to Wilberforce College.
Staged pricing applies and is from 50p to £1.25 per journey.

Megarider tickets will be made available to all students at a subsidized price of £7.00 (as opposed to the normal £8.70) – one ticket per student per week – sold through Student Services.

There may also be some bursaries offered to individuals from outlying villages on a 'one off' needs basis depending on individual circumstances.

Wyke College

Students not eligible for an EMA may be awarded up to £15 per week (depending on the distance travelled) towards their transport costs in the form of a bursary. Continued payment of the bursary will depend on attendance and this needs to remain at 90% for full payment to remain intact.

The following subsidised bus services are provided by the college:

930 service from Howden to/from Wyke College

931 service from Hull bus station via Hessle Road, Boothferry Road, Anlaby Road, Priory Road to/from Wyke College.

Bishop Burton College

Students (from both the Hull and East Riding areas) in receipt of EMA and who live 3 or more miles from the College will receive the following assistance:

- Free travel pass to enable travel to and from College Bus pick up points (subsidized by Kingston upon Hull City Council to the value of £100 per head).
- College Bus (to and from various pick up points).

East Riding College

Students may be eligible for financial support in addition to any grant received from the Council (to eligible students). For further details contact East Riding College on 01482 306600.

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

Kingston upon Hull LA (not applicable)

Hull College – No restrictions on travel times

Wilberforce College – Routes WC1, WC2, WC3 and WC4 are operated am to College and pm from College daily. (Students using Megariders in Hull – no restrictions).

Wyke College – Routes 930 and 931 are operated am to College and pm from College daily.

Bishop Burton College – College Bus operates am to College and pm from College daily.

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

Kingston upon Hull LA – Support will continue for students who reach 19 whilst continuing a course. *Assistance may also be available to students who are aged between 19 and 25 years in certain circumstances.*

Hull College - – Support will continue for students who reach 19 whilst continuing a course.

Wilberforce College – Support will continue for students who reach 19 whilst continuing a course.

Wyke College – Support will continue for students who reach 19 whilst continuing a course.

Bishop Burton College – Support will continue for students who reach 19 whilst continuing a course.

East Riding College – Support will continue for students who reach 19 whilst continuing a course.

5. How will learners be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g. means-testing or must they be on benefits?

Kingston upon Hull LA – the travel grant is means tested (students must be eligible for an EMA or household income must be derived from certain benefits).

Special needs travel for those students who are not able to travel independently is not means tested.

Hull College – Free travel is means tested, students must be eligible for Learner Support Fund.

Concessionary tickets are means tested, student must be eligible for EMA.

Wilberforce College – Concessionary fares on WC1, WC2, WC3 and WC4 are not means tested.

Subsidized 'mega rider' tickets are not means tested.

Wyke College – Concessionary fares on 930 and 931 are not means tested.

Bursaries of up to £15 per week are means tested (students in receipt of EMA do not qualify)

Bishop Burton College – Transport on the College Bus is not means tested.

Travel passes students must be in receipt of EMA.

East Riding College – please contact the college for further details on Tel: 01482 306600.

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?

Kingston upon Hull LA – provides free specialist transport for students with special needs or disabilities who are unable to travel independently up to the age of 19 or until the end of their course if they started this before the age of 19. In addition to this, students with special needs or disabilities who are aged 19 to 25 years will be considered for assistance with specialist transport subject to their course being considered as progression and subject to their own personal circumstances (each case will be considered on its own merits). Students/parents should make their application through Connexions Humber (contact details are provided in Section 11).

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

Kingston upon Hull LA – is operating the 'Getting There!' project which enables colleges/schools/parents to provide training for students with special needs. Students who previously received specialist transport (ie taxi/minibus) who go on to travel independently (ie by public transport) will qualify for a free travel pass for use at all times during term time.

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

Students applying to **Kingston upon Hull LA** for travel grants should apply from May. For special needs travel apply to **Connexions** (Hull) from March.

Students applying to **Hull College** should apply from May/June.

Students applying to **Wilberforce College** should apply on enrolment.

Students applying to **Wyke College** should apply on enrolment.

Students applying to **Bishop Burton College** should apply on enrolment.

Students applying to **East Riding College** should apply on enrolment.

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

Students who attend a sixth form school or college outside Hull are eligible for a travel grant if the school/college they attend is:

- a) offering a course which is unavailable within Hull and is within a reasonable daily commuting distance;
- b) the distance is 3 miles or more; and

c) the student qualifies for EMA or household income is derived from certain benefits.

Students should also enquire if the college they are attending offers any help with travel.

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?

Would look to assist via Learner Support Funds provided student was in receipt of an EMA or household income was derived from certain benefits.

Assistance would be in the form of a mileage allowance (at the rate of £0.25 per mile) and would provide for a total of 12 single journeys per academic year (ie two return journeys each term, thus including half term breaks).

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.

Hull City Council

Student Support/Welfare Benefits : Telephone 300300

Website www.hullcc.gov.uk

Journey Planner www.hullcc.gov.uk/publictransport

Bus Call : Telephone 01482 222222

Stagecoach : Website www.stagecoachbus.com

East Yorkshire Motor Services : Website www.eyms.co.uk

Connexions : Website www.connexions-humber.co.uk

Connexions Humber

Priory House

Saxon Way

Hessle HU13 9PB : Telephone 01482 308208

Bransholme Connexions Centre

76 Goodhart Road

North Point Shopping Centre : Telephone 01482 853780

Hull College : Website www.hull.ac.uk

Telephone : 01482 598942

Wilberforce College : Website www.wilberforce.ac.uk

Telephone : 01482 711688

Wyke College : Website www.wyke.ac.uk

Telephone : 01482 346347

Bishop Burton College : Website www.bishopb-college.ac.uk

Telephone : 01964 553000

East Riding College Beverley : Website www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk
Telephone : 01482 306600

Prospect Training : Website info@prospect-training.co.uk
Telephone : 01482 606242

Hya Training : Website info@hyatraining.co.uk
Telephone : 01428 211778

Hull Training
Telephone : 0800 138 0954