

Terms and Conditions of transport assistance to sixth form or college

1. The information given on the application is to my knowledge true and correct.
2. Transport assistance will only be awarded if I meet the eligibility criteria of the Post 16 transport policy available at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/post16transport
3. I am aware a contribution has to be made towards the costs of transport. There is no charge for students who are Looked After by North Yorkshire County Council, who are registered young carers or live independently and are in receipt of Income Support in their own right.
4. The charge will be reduced by 50% for students whose families or themselves are on receipt of the qualifying benefits for free school meals as listed on NYCC's website or receive the maximum level of working tax credits. If I am unable to prove that I qualify for a reduction of 50% of the charge then the full payment will be applied should the application be approved.
5. I understand that it may be necessary for the Authority to contact the sixth form/college named to verify, attendance, course being studied, free school meal status, entitlement to bursary funding etc.
6. The County Council can withdraw the type of transport provision in certain circumstances eg a service is no longer needed for statutory age pupils.
7. If I am entitled to transport assistance to sixth form/college and there is no transport available, I may be offered a mileage allowance.
8. No travel pass will be issued until either full payment is received or Direct Debit payments arranged.
9. **Failure to meet any instalment by direct debit may result in transport being withdrawn. I will be notified in writing should this occur and the outstanding balance must be paid. In the event that I do default on payment and I have been provided with a discounted or a commercial pass I am responsible for the full cost.**
10. If I apply partway through the year the contribution is still chargeable, if I apply after 31 October the amount **may** be charged pro-rata. However, if I had a valid pass the previous year/s on the service I am applying for, and I can't prove I have used alternative transport until then, I will be charged **full price** regardless of when I apply.
11. A valid pass must be carried for each occasion a journey is undertaken. If found to be travelling without a valid pass I will be charged full price if I subsequently apply.
12. Transport will be by the most cost effect service available to the Authority and will be from the beginning and end of the normal sixth form/college day. If the course timetable varies on particular days no alternative travel permit will be arranged.
13. I am aware that the NYCC transport assistance to sixth form/college scheme may not be the cheapest option for transport.
14. If transport assistance is awarded to attend an alternative establishment due to my course combination and I am found to be no longer attending that particular course my transport assistance will be withdrawn, unless the eligibility criteria is still being met.
15. If there is no transport directly from my address, I will have to make my own way to the nearest pick up point.
16. Transport will only be provided to the main school or college. Assistance will not be provided for work placement or for periods of study away from the main campus.
17. To cancel the Post 16 travel permit, the pass or passes must be returned to NYCC at address below. We recommend that you use Recorded Delivery, as proof of postage will be requested in the event that the pass is not received back. Refunds maybe considered from the date of receipt of the pass/passes. Please return to Admissions, Transport & Welfare Team, Jesmond House, 31-33 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5QE
18. If I cancel the Post 16 transport assistance or default on payment and the Authority has provided a travel pass at a reduced rate or for commercial transport I will be responsible for the full value of the pass or passes if not returned before 1 April. In some cases this could be over the value of £2500 (see point 9).
19. Failure to pay the travel charge or any outstanding balance will result in an invoice being raised against me and debt collection proceedings taken.
20. **I am unable to cancel the Post 16 transport assistance after the 1 April** (please be aware transport is contracted until the end of the academic year and therefore you will remain responsible for the cost even if you do not use it).