

**Analysis of current school/college transport provision by Local Authorities – 2013 to 2014 (June 2013)** (sections in red are updates from previous analysis completed in October 2013)

Neighbouring authorities in Yorkshire and the Humber						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School/College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Bradford		Post 16 phased out from 2012	£	Metro concessionary fare only		16+ full offer provided
Calderdale	£	From Sept 2014 phased out for new applications	£	Metro concessionary fare only		Up to age 19, based on assessment
Kirklees		Consultation proposed	£	Metro concessionary fare only;		Contribution required £1.36 per day
Wakefield	£	From Sept 2013 phased out for new applications	£	Metro concessionary fare only		Contribution required; equivalent to School Plus MetroCard
North Yorkshire	£	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications		Contribution of £350 pa required		16+ full offer provided
North Lincolnshire	£	Phased out from c.2008		Contribution of £30pa required towards cost of pass to nearest sixth form or college, as per assessment		Contribution of £30pa required. Full offer to 25
City of York	£	From Sept 2013 phased out for new applications		Means tested		Subject to assessment
North East Lincolnshire	£	Phased out from c 2009. Primary to end of KS2; secondary withdrawn & pupils offered free travel to nearest qualifying school if they could not afford to fund	£	Only in extenuating circumstances		Subject to assessment

		to faith school.				
<b>Neighbouring authorities in Yorkshire and the Humber (continued)</b>						
Sheffield	£	See below for detail				
Rotherham	£	Phased out from September 2013. All existing qualifiers to retain entitlement until they leave the school or move house.	£	None		Subject to assessment. Parental contribution of £7 per week for college in Rotherham, £14 per week to college elsewhere, based on 10 journeys per week.
Doncaster	£	Phased out from September 2010. All existing qualifiers retained entitlement until they left the school or moved house.	£	None		Subject to assessment.
Barnsley	£	Phased out from c 2009. All existing qualifiers retained entitlement until they left the school or moved house.	£	None		Subject to assessment to age 19 (end of Year 14), to special school only.
East Riding of Yorkshire	£	Phased out from c 2010. All existing qualifiers retained entitlement until they left the school or moved house.	£	None		Subject to assessment to age 19 (end of Year14) Parental contribution required.
Kingston Upon Hull	£	See below for detail				

Core Cities						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School/College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Birmingham	£	From Sept 2013 phased out for new applications	£	Concessionary fare only		Up to age 19. Contribution required - £600 pa; £300 for low income
<p>On 29 July 2013, Birmingham City Council (BCC) approved the withdrawal of transport support from existing qualifiers where this was provided on the basis of parental choice of denominational school with effect from 1 September 2013. Those pupils that previously received a free bus pass from BCC to attend a denominational (faith) school will no longer receive this unless they qualify on low income criteria. BCC also approved continuation of public consultation to apply the same policy to those with SEN.</p>						
Bristol	£	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications		Assessed on case by case basis		Up to age 19 for max 3 years. Contribution possibly required & DLA taken into account
Kingston upon Hull	£	From Sept 2014 phased out for new applications	£	Learners advised to contact their school or college provider for funding options. Local authority has limited funding for young people who cannot access other funding sources with serious issues around transport. Subject to assessment.		Subject to assessment and to age 25
Leicester		Out for consultation		Out for consultation. Currently contribution of £160 pa required		Out for consultation. Currently up to age 25 based on assessment
<p>Leicester's admissions booklets for 2013 carried a warning that the existing policy was liable to change; that a public consultation would be held during the autumn of 2012; and that changes would be published on the website. The council approved the withdrawal of discretionary free travel to voluntary aided (faith) schools; post-16 mainstream and post-16 SEN with effect from 1 September 2013. Objections focussed on arrangements for young people SEN. New arrangements apply to those who previously qualified.</p>						

Core Cities (continued)						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School/College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Liverpool			£	Withdrawn from 2012		16+ based on assessment
Manchester				Based on assessment		Up to age 19. Based on assessment
Sheffield	x	See update below		Means tested		Up to age 25. Based on assessment
The cabinet considered the options proposed within a consultation that took place in March 2013 and agreed a fourth option on 19 June 2013. They agreed to fund a discretionary free bus pass for those pupils entering Years 10 and 11 in 2013/14 and Year 11 in 2014 /15 for those already attending a faith school, practising the specific faith of that school and meeting statutory distance criteria.						
Statistical neighbours						
Authority	Faith School	Comments	Post 16 Mainstream School/College	Comments	Post 16 SEN	Comments
Bolton	£	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications.	£	Concessionary fare only		Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Calderdale	See above – neighbouring authority					
Darlington	£	Information not available		Flat rate grant of £180 to all f/t students		Up to age 24. Based on assessment
Derby	£	Phased out “some time ago”, before 2011.	£			Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Kirklees	See above - neighbouring authority					
Milton Keynes	£	From Sept 2012 phased out for new applications	£			Up to age 25. Based on assessment. Contribution required
North Tyneside			£			Up to age 25. Based on assessment. Contribution required.
St Helens			£			Up to age 25. Based on assessment
Stockton –on-Tees			£			Up to age 25. Based on assessment

**Notes:**

1. A ' ' signifies that an offer is currently made in this area of discretionary transport delivery. They are not all the same but have similar features
2. A 'B' signifies that the service has either been completely withdrawn or is in the process of being phased out over a period of time. This differs by authority

**Summary:**

- Only 2 out of 14 neighbouring Yorkshire and Humber authorities have retained discretionary faith transport
- Only 3 out of 7 Core Cities have retained discretionary faith transport
- Only 4 out of 9 of our statistical neighbours have retained discretionary faith transport
- There is a consistency of approach throughout all comparators that post 16 support is limited to the basic availability of any wider concessionary fare scheme, which is either available to all young people or just those in learning
- All 16 – 19 year old students may be able to access bursary funding administered locally by their school or college
- No local authority has withdrawn post 16 SEN transport but a significant number request a fixed contribution ranging from £30 to £600pa
- Many of the comparators fund SEN transport up to age 25