

Daily Transport to School

If your son is currently receiving help with transport to his present school, there is no automatic arrangement made for his transport to Borden in September.

Your child can get free travel if they attend their nearest appropriate school and live more than 3 miles away from the school, using the shortest available walking route. The nearest appropriate school may not always be the school of your choice, and won't take into account your preferences for types of school, for example a single-sex school or grammar school. Therefore, students from Sheppey do not usually qualify for assistance with transport to Borden.

Children in the care of Kent County Council and children from low income families who are entitled to receive free school meals can get free school transport to Borden if it is the nearest school to your home and the distance is between 2 and 15 miles.

Applications can be made online at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/free-school-transport>

or email homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk to request a paper application form.

THE YOUNG PERSONS' TRAVEL PASS

The Young Person's Travel Pass is provided by Kent County Council. The Travel Pass will be available to provide unlimited week day travel between 06:00 and 19:00 for 11-16 year olds. Cost for academic year 2024-25 was £550.00 or £560.00 if paid in instalments. This pass is free for Young Carers and Looked after Children and at a reduced cost of £120.00 for those receiving free school meals.

Applications can be made online at the beginning of June on the following KCC link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/KCC-travel-saver/apply-for-KCC-travel-saver>

To ensure your son's pass arrives in school for the start of term in September, **applications MUST to be sent to KCC by mid-July**. All passes are posted to the school and pupils collect them from the school office on the first day of term in September.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your son is already in receipt of free school meals, please ensure that you inform KCC's Student Awards team that he is moving to Borden so that they can transfer his allowance from his Primary School. You are able to apply on-line and further information is available on the following KCC link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>