

Transport Policy for Students of Sixth Form Age

2021/2022

1. Summary of the policy and main objectives

Slough is a high density urban town with excellent public transport links both within the town and with neighbouring towns and London. The aim of the travel policy is to increase participation in full time Post 16 education by providing as many students as possible from low income families with a reduced fare card. The card can be used for journeys at evenings and weekends.

2. More details about the reduced fare card

The Student Reduced Fare Card entitles students to travel on First buses at under 16 prices. Bus cardholders will be able to travel at reduced fares on First buses, as long as the journey begins or ends in the borough of Slough. Cardholders will be able to purchase daily, weekly and monthly tickets at under 16 rates.

Train cardholders will be able to travel on the following specific journeys at a reduced fare:

- Slough to Langley/Maidenhead/Henley-on-Thames/Windsor & Eton Central and Reading (and vice versa)
- Langley to Slough/Maidenhead/Henley-on-Thames/Windsor & Eton Central and Reading (and vice versa)
- Burnham to Slough/Langley/Maidenhead/Henley-on-Thames/Windsor & Eton Central and Reading (and vice versa)

They will be able to purchase daily, weekly and monthly tickets at under 16 rates. Lost or stolen cards will be replaced once in the academic year and students will not be charged for this. Both cards will require three passport photographs.

3. When can the card be used?

There are no time restrictions on the use of the Student Reduced Fare Card. Card holders are able to travel all day, all evening and during weekends or holidays.

4. Can students who reach 19 use the card?

The card will continue to be available for those students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course in the 2021-22 academic year.

5. Do students have to be assessed to see if they are eligible for support?

Simply fill out the form on the right, attach three passport photos, and copies of documentary evidence as follows and post it to the address below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Applications can be downloaded from Slough Borough Council's website.

6. What help is there for students with special needs and a disability

Students with a disability and/or learning difficulty who meet specific criteria can also apply for a free bus pass. This is a bus pass that enables holders to travel free on buses within Slough and to a number of places outside the borough. Please call 01753 475111 for an application form and further information.

Any students with special needs and a disability unable to travel on public transport will be considered under the council's home to school transport policy.

7. When should students start to apply for reduced fare cards?

Students can contact the Home to School Transport Team at Slough from 26 August 2021 (the date of GCSE results) to request an application form. Forms will also be available online.

8. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond the Local Authority area?

The Student Reduced Fare Card enables students to travel to a number of FE colleges outside the Slough area. These are listed below.

College	Bus Route	Average Journey Time
East Berkshire College (Langley)	5	8min
Bracknell & Wokingham College (Bracknell Centre)	75/76	1hr
Berkshire College of Agriculture	75/76	30min
Strodes College	71	45min
Uxbridge College	58	1hr 10min
Amersham & Wycombe College (High Wycombe Campus)	74	1hr
Kensington & Chelsea College (Holland Park Centre)	702	55min
Westminster Kingsway College (Victoria Centre)	702	1hr 15min

The Student Reduced Train Fare Card enables students to travel to a number of FE colleges outside the Slough area, in Langley, Burnham, Maidenhead, Windsor, Henley on Thames and Reading.

9. What help is available for students who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance?

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) provides financial help for students wanting to study particular courses, but cannot find them offered locally.

Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-financial-support-for-students

10. Is more information available for students who have queries about the scheme?

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Slough Borough Council, Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EL

Tel: 01753 875729

Email: educationtransport@slough.gov.uk

Web: www.slough.gov.uk

General information relating to financial support can be obtained from the student finance/welfare offices of your school or college for the 16-19 year Student Bursary Fund.

The following websites and contact details may also be useful: www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-financial-support-for-students

Transport providers in the Slough area:

First Group

Tel: 01753 524144

Email: contactberkshire@firstgroup.com

Web: www.firstgroup.com

For train travel in the Slough area:

First Great Western

Tel: 08457 000 125

Email: www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

11. Complaints

If you have a complaint about post 16 transport provision please contact:

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