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Dear Parents/Carers

### Home to School Travel 2025/2026

We are writing to provide you with information about the home to school travel options for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Full details of the home to school travel options including public transport, school dedicated Merseytravel buses and school operated services can be found on our website: [WKGS Travel Information](#)

#### School Operated Services (A1, C3 and W-series buses)

Annual bus passes for students who travel on one of the school operated services from Wallasey (C3), Chester, Ellesmere Port and North Wales (W buses) Willaston, Neston and Parkgate areas (A1) are now available to purchase for the 2025-26 academic year.

There have been a few changes to the arrangements for 2025/26:

- The **Wallasey (C3) service is now contracted for directly by WKGS**, which has allowed us to secure a better quality and larger capacity vehicle for 2025/26 onwards.
- The transport operator for the **W-series buses** has changed for 2025/26. Services will now be operated by **R&J Travel (W1 and W6)** and **Lakeside of Ellesmere (W3, W4, W5 and W7)**.
- Parents are reminded that they must set up a new payment plan to purchase an annual bus pass each academic year. It is important to note that the pass is an annual pass and that we do not refund the cost for any time your child does not require transport between September and the end of July.

To guarantee a seat, the **deadline** for renewing your child's bus pass for 2025/26 and signing up to our direct debit payment scheme has been extended to **9:00 am on Wednesday, 18th July 2025**. After this date, we will continue to accept applications and will try to accommodate your preference if we can.

#### 6th Form Students

If your child is planning to return to WKGS for 6th Form we would advise that you book their place on their chosen service. In the event that they do not return to WKGS for 6th Form, all amounts paid will be refunded to you.

#### Cost and Payment Options

You may pay for the pass in full or by 9 x monthly instalments (A1 and W-series buses) or 10 x monthly instalments for the C3 service.

- **A1** service (Willaston, Neston and Parkgate areas) - **£895.00** or £99.44 per month for 9 instalments
- **C3** service (Wallasey) - **£840.00** or £84.00 per month for 10 instalments
- **W** services (Chester, Ellesmere Port and North Wales areas) - **£1,595.00** or £177.22 per month for 9 instalments

These transport services ensure the highest levels of passenger safety and value for money for parents. The schools aim to deliver these services at a breakeven cost for parents.



#### Instalment dates:

- **A1 and W** services - the first payment will be taken when you sign up, with subsequent payments being taken on the 2nd September 2025 until the 2nd April 2026.
- **C3** service – the first payment will be taken on 2nd August and monthly on the 2nd of the month until 2nd May 2026.

#### Financial Support

Financial support with home to school travel is available as below:

- **Students in Years 7 to 11** and who are eligible for Deprivation Pupil Premium – info can be found [here](#). A subsidy of either £600 per annum (C3 and A1) or £750 per annum (W-series) is available. To apply for financial support please complete this [form](#).
- **6th Form students** may receive financial support from a [16-19 bursary](#). Applications for 2025/26 will open in early September 2025. In the meantime please complete the application for a full-price bus pass, and in the event that your child is eligible for a bursary your payment plan will be amended.
- Applications for financial support must be made every year and will not automatically renew.

#### Purchase your bus pass

To apply for the pass and set up your payment plan, please complete the relevant form below:

- **C3** Wallasey service [C3 Form](#)
- **A1 & W-series** services (**Full Price**) [Bus Pass Application Form](#)
- **A1 & W-series** services (**Subsidised**) [Subsidised Bus Pass Application Form](#)
- **W-series** services – please request a specific bus stop, from 03 to 13. This must be done by the deadline specified above to guarantee a pass for the stop selected.
- **W-series** services **Important!** - When completing the application form, it will ask you what email address will be attached to your payment method. Please ensure you use the same email address given on the form as the email address attached to the payment method. When you have completed the form and clicked 'Submit', you will be directed to click on the appropriate link, which takes you to the Calday School Shop. This will enable you to set up your preferred payment option for your chosen A, W bus service/stop to secure your seat.

When we have received your first payment, we will prepare your child's annual pass. You will receive the bus pass and a copy of the timetable by post, before Monday, 25th August 2025.

By purchasing a pass, you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions and the Code of Conduct, which can be found [here](#). You will receive a printed copy of these documents along with the timetable with your pass.

If you have any queries about these arrangements, please contact Calday (A1 and W-series) at [buspass@calday.co.uk](mailto:buspass@calday.co.uk) or WKGS (C3 service) at [finance@wkgs.net](mailto:finance@wkgs.net).

Kind Regards,

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