



## Student Bus Travel from Wallasey, North Wales, Chester and Ellesmere Port

Annual bus passes for students who travel on one of the school operated services to Wallasey, Ellesmere Port, Chester and North Wales are now available to purchase for the 2021/22 academic year. To guarantee a seat, the deadline for requesting your child's/ward's bus pass for 2021/22 and signing up to the direct debit payment scheme is Friday 9 July 2021.

A large proportion of our students use some form of bus service to get to school. Responsibility for many of the school bus services rests with Merseytravel. However, we have been proactive in making the school accessible for students living in other areas. We work closely with local transport providers to ensure safe, reliable transport for students from Wallasey, Chester and beyond.

We recognise that starting at a new school is an unsettling time for parents/carers and children and we would like to provide you with some reassurance about the school operated bus services. The school has been in partnership for bus travel with Calday Grange Grammar School for many years to enable students from Wallasey, North Wales, Ellesmere Port and Chester to attend the two grammar schools in West Kirby.

We have a long-standing relationship with two local bus and coach operators, Als Coaches and Carvers, to provide a safe, well managed and affordable service that gets your child/ward to school on time each day.

The majority of buses and coaches used have CCTV and all have seat belts fitted, parents/carers are asked to remind their child/ward of the need to use these on every journey. All of the drivers of these vehicles are professionally trained and DBS checked so you have our assurance that they will be in safe hands for their journey to school and the return to home.

### Cost and Payment Options

These transport services were competitively tendered in 2017 to ensure the highest levels of passenger safety and value for money for parents. The annual cost of a bus pass has been subject to an increase. Please be assured that this increase has no bearing on refunds issued during the pandemic as these costs were recouped via additional grants received from the ESFA to cover Covid-19 exceptional costs with the remainder being absorbed by the school.

- **C buses to Wallasey** - £550.00 or £68.75 per month
- **W Buses to St Asaph & Caerwys** - £1050.00 or £131.25 per month
- **W buses to the Chester and Ellesmere Port areas** (excluding St Asaph & Caerwys) - £950 or £118.75 per month.

You may pay for the pass in full or by 8 x monthly instalments. The first payment will be taken when you sign up, with subsequent payments being taken on the 2nd day of the month after you set up the payment plan if you opted to pay in instalments.

### What next?

Please complete the [Bus Pass Application Form 2021/22](#). When you have completed the form you will be directed to the Calday School Shop to enable you to set up your preferred payment option for your chosen C or W bus service/stop (parents/carers of students who will be travelling on the W buses will request a particular bus stop, from 01 to 13). This must be done by the deadline specified above to guarantee a pass for the stop selected.

You will receive your child's/ward's annual bus pass and a copy of the timetable, by post, before Friday 27 August 2020. All of the Terms and Conditions can be found at <https://www.calday.co.uk/bustermis> and the [Code of Conduct](#) can be found on the Calday school website at [calday.co.uk/buspasstravel](http://calday.co.uk/buspasstravel), however if you have any queries with these arrangements please contact Calday at [buspass@calday.co.uk](mailto:buspass@calday.co.uk)