

## Free School Transport Summary

### Secondary School

If your child will be attending Secondary School in the near future, as part of your decision regarding your preferred school preference, you may wish to consider which Secondary School your child will be entitled to free transport before you confirm this with the Wrexham Council Schools Admissions Department. Free school transport will only be given if your home address is over 3 miles from the nearest suitable Secondary School.

Eligibility for free Secondary School transport is determined only by measurement from the child's home address to the nearest suitable Secondary School. The measurement is assessed using 'a walking route' on the Council Education ONE software system. The system uses GPS technology and is approved by the Welsh Assembly Government. The mapping system is refreshed every 12 months, therefore assessment results may differ year on year where new roads, paths and safe access points are included.

Please note that there are no feeder school arrangements for school transport purposes. Previous attendance at a particular Junior School does not infer any entitlement to transport to a particular Secondary School, despite any traditional arrangements that may have previously been in place or even where siblings have previously attended.

There will be some cases for example where the distances from home addresses between two Secondary Schools is very tight and some students will be eligible for free transport to one school and others who attended the same Junior School or even live in the same street will be entitled to free transport to another school or not at all.

Please note that a guaranteed school place from Admissions does not automatically equate to free school transport being provided. If you opt to place your child in a Secondary School which is not the nearest suitable secondary school to your home address - the responsibility for arranging the transport including costs, will be that of the parent - as this will amount to parental preference.

The only slight exception to the rule is for students wishing to receive their secondary education through the medium of Welsh where the nearest suitable Secondary School is Ysgol Morgan Llwyd or similarly St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School, is the nearest suitable Secondary School on grounds of Faith – however, in both cases free school transport will only be available again where the pupil lives over 3 miles from the specific school.

If you are unsure which is the nearest suitable Secondary school to your home address, please email [school.transport@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@wrexham.gov.uk) include the pupils name, address and date of birth for this information before applying for a secondary school place.

### Primary School

The criteria above applies for free school transport for Primary School aged children with the stipulation being if your home address is over 2 miles from the nearest suitable Primary School. The criteria for free school transport to Primary Welsh Medium or Faith is also the same but again with the stipulation of the pupil living over 2 miles from the specific school.

Please note that only children of reception age and above can receive free school transport and Wrexham Council do not provide any transport for Post-16 pupils to a school's 6<sup>th</sup> Form or further education establishments such as Coleg Cambria. Parents / Pupils should contact the specific establishment for further information.