



Rutland County Council College Transport

For students based in Rutland you may be eligible for subsidised transport to Melton Vale.

You are eligible if:

- You live in Rutland
- You are 16, 17 or 18 prior to the September of the academic year the application is made
- The course desired is not available close to your home address
- You live more than three miles from the college
- The college providing the course is not more than 8 miles outside the Rutland county boundary.

Applying for transport:

We do not provide free transport for Post 16 education. The cost is £520 for the full academic year (that works out at £2.88 per college day). Before we will authorise transport we need to have payment in place. If you choose to pay by direct debit the first instalment will not be taken until October 2020 to enable us to make sure that everything is in order.

If you are eligible then you need to apply to us for college transport. You need to apply to us via our website:

- Rutland.gov.uk
- Search, 'College transport'
- Click on, 'Apply for transport online'
- The form you need is 'Post 16 Transport Assistance'
- Please fill out the form

Common misconceptions:

- Please do not wait for your results to apply for transport. It is easier to have your application and then change your destination if you do not get your grades.
- That you will be eligible for free transport because your course is not available in Rutland. This may have been policy at one point but it isn't policy now, all Post 16 transport is contributory unless your family claims benefits or is under the low-income threshold.

Students who live outside Rutland:

- You may be able to purchase a fare-paying seat on one of our closed contract buses.
- Please contact the Transport team for further information.

Application timeline:

What you should do:

- Submit full application before the 31st July (May – July)
- Update us with any changes of information (ongoing)

What we do:

- Assess applications as they come in
- Send out information on decisions
- Issue passes and timetables when payments are received
- Amend/refund/re-assess transport application (ongoing)

For information on all areas of Post 16 transport please contact the Transport Operations Team at Rutland County Council on 01572 722577 or email Transport@rutland.gov.uk