

**FAQ’s School Transport – Academic Year 2021-22**

1. **How do I apply for a place on the school bus for my son or daughter?**

On-line applications will be available from Monday 10th May 2021 to all parents of children at Hurworth in September 2021 that may require home to school transport, the on- line application form must be completed before 30th June 2021 to enable Hurworth School to deal with all applications.

<http://www.hurworthschool.org.uk/transport-application/>

1. **Will the school bus be ‘free’?**

Darlington Borough Council has a duty to make the necessary travel arrangements for ‘eligible children’ under Section 508B of the Education Act 1996.

The Council will provide ‘free’ transport in the following circumstance

* To the nearest appropriate school which is more than 3 miles from the parental address
* To children entitled to free school meals or those families in receipt of the maximum working tax credit to:-

1 of their 3 nearest schools which is more than 2 miles but less than 6 and/or

To the nearest suitable school on grounds of religion or belief which is more than 2 miles but less than 15.

1. **If I don’t qualify for ‘free’ transport can I still apply for a place?**

Hurworth School has agreed to offer a limited number of additional places on existing routes. The spaces are limited and there is no guarantee that every child that applies will be allocated a place.

1. **How much will the charge be?**

Families will be charged £3.80 per day. If a family has more than one child that obtains a place on a bus, the eldest will be charged £3.80 then there will be a reduction of 10% (£3.42) for the first sibling.

1. **Will there be a reduction for sickness absence, holiday absence, exclusion etc?**

No.

1. **What do I do if I no longer require the seat on the bus?**

If a child no longer requires the seat on the coach the parent must inform Hurworth School of their decision and must return the pass to them in order that a refund can be calculated from the date of receipt of the pass itself.

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1. **How can payment be made?**
2. Hurworth School will contact you to confirm that you have been successful in obtaining a fare-paying place. We offer parents a variety of ways to make payments, including standing order, cash, cheque and on-line via ParentMail. Passes will not be issued until payment has been received.
3. **Payment must be received termly in advance or by monthly standing order.** If you would like to pay by monthly Standing Order the amounts are: £60.17/£54.15 per child/sibling for 12 months starting 1st August 2021. Payable to Hurworth School, Acc. 20986560 Sort Code 30-84-43. Please use your child’s name as the reference.
4. **If I am successful in gaining a fare paying place will this be in place for the duration of my child’s education?**

We will attempt to enable your child to access transport for the full five years of their secondary education. However, this cannot be guaranteed as circumstances may change at any time.