

Bus Éireann – Irish Bus
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Broadstone, Dublin 7
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School Transport Provision 2021-2022

Dear Principal,

In advance of your Open/ Enrolment Night, I wish to again bring your attention to the terms of the Post Primary School Transport Scheme which are available on the Department of Education and Skills website at www.education.ie

Put simply, **children are eligible for transport where they reside not less than 4.8 kms from and are attending their nearest post primary school/education centre** as determined by the Department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.

In selecting a post primary school, it is important that parents be made aware of eligibility criteria for school transport provision because arising from changes which were introduced in September 2012 it may be the case that children in the same family or area may be eligible for transport to different schools. While it is the prerogative of parents to send their children to the school of their choice, eligibility for school transport is to the nearest school.

To assist parents in relation to school transport eligibility, it would be appreciated if the enclosed Question and Answer Sheet could be brought to parents' attention at your open/enrolment night.

The application process is available online at www.buseireann.ie and must be completed before the last Friday in April (**30th April 2021**). It is important that applications for school transport are made on time as late applicants are not guaranteed seats.

Further information or clarification may be obtained by parents by contacting their local Bus Éireann office; contact details are attached.

Your support in disseminating this information to parents is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Gannon,
Manager, School Transport.



SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2021/2022 School Year

1. Who is eligible?

Children who reside at least **4.8 kilometres** from and attending their **nearest** school are eligible for post primary school transport.

2. How do I apply?

Online to Bus Éireann at www.buseireann.ie

3. When do I apply?

Applications should be submitted before the last Friday in April. Late applicants are not guaranteed a seat.

4. What is the charge?

The current annual charge is €350 per child with a family maximum of €650.

5. Can I spread the payment over the school year?

Payments may be made in two instalments in July and December.

6. Are some children exempt from paying?

Yes. Only eligible children i.e. children residing at least **4.8 kilometres** from and attending their **nearest** school, who hold valid Medical Cards (GMS Scheme), do not pay. All other children must pay.

7. Where can I get more details on the scheme?

Full terms of the Post Primary School Transport Scheme are available at www.education.ie and www.buseireann.ie.

8. Where can I get further information?

From your local Bus Éireann School Transport Office – contact details overleaf.



<u>Counties</u>	<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>e-mail</u>
Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare & Meath	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Regional School Transport Office, Area Office, Broadstone Dublin 7	01 8302222	schools.dublin@buseireann.ie
Cavan, Louth & Monaghan	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Bus Station Dundalk Long Walk, Dundalk	042 6825999	schools.dundalk@buseireann.ie
Cork	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Capwell Cork	021 4557137 / 021 4557129	schools.cork@buseireann.ie
Kerry	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Casement Station, Tralee	066 7164750	schools.tralee@buseireann.ie
Limerick, Clare & North Tipperary	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Roxboro Road, Limerick	061 217484	schools.limerick@buseireann.ie
Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, South Tipperary & Waterford	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Plunkett Station, Waterford	051 873401	schools.waterford@buseireann.ie
Galway	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Ceannt Station, Eyre Square, Galway	091 537512 / 091 537694	schools.galway@buseireann.ie
Laois, Offaly, Longford, Roscommon & Westmeath	Bus Éireann School Transport Office Station Road Athlone	090 6473277	schools.athlone@buseireann.ie
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