

KCC Post-16 Transport Policy 2026/2027

This Booklet outlines the key changes and what they mean for your family.



PERSONAL TRANSPORT BUDGETS (PTBS)

- Most eligible students will now receive a Personal Transport Budget instead of hired transport services.
- PTBs offer greater flexibility for families to arrange their own travel (e.g. using a family car, taxi, or other means).
- The amount of money you receive will depend on how far away you live from the place of education.

FOCUS ON INDEPENDENCE

- KCC is promoting Independent Travel Training for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- This training helps young people build confidence and skills to travel safely on public transport.

ADULT LEARNERS (AGED 19+)

- KCC may offer additional mileage payments only if bursary support is insufficient.
- Adult learners are now expected to apply for bursaries from their education provider first, as this is money the Government provides for supporting transport.

Post 16 Policy

Key Changes
for 2026/27



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KCC 16+ Travel Saver Card

Still available for most students aged 16–19.

Offers unlimited bus travel across Kent, 24/7.

Costs may be subsidised by schools or colleges.

Families on low incomes may qualify for a reduced rate.

SEND and EHCP Support

- o Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) must apply annually for transport support.
- o Additional support is not automatically provided, even if the setting is named in the EHCP.

KCC WILL CONSIDER

- o Distance and accessibility
- o Medical or mobility needs
- o Financial hardship
- o Religious or belief-based preferences



HOW TO APPLY

- Applications for additional support must be made each academic year.
- Apply online at: www.kent.gov.uk/applyforpost16transport

NEED HELP?

- Contact the Post 16 Transport Team for advice or support with your application.
- Visit: www.kent.gov.uk/post16transport

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q: Is transport automatically provided if my child has an EHCP?

A: KCC will continue to support the same pupils they always have, but this does mean that you must apply each year and eligibility will be assessed in line with the policy.

Q: Can I choose council arranged transport instead of a PTB?

A: No, if your child is eligible, the standard offer will be a PTB. If you feel that this is not appropriate, you can appeal the decision, further information can be found on our website www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport

Q: How can I spend my PTB?

A: You can use a PTB to make whatever arrangements are necessary for you to get your young person to school/college. This may include, petrol costs, paying for a taxi or paying for breakfast/after school clubs for younger siblings.

Q: How often will I receive my PTB payment?

A: Payments are made on 15th of each month for 11 months (no payment is made in July).

Q: Do I have to make a contribution?

A: You do not need to worry about making a contribution yourself, we will send you a yearly payment schedule which explains how your payments will be made.

Q: Will it affect my mobility allowance or other benefits?

A: No, a PTB does not affect any other benefits that you receive.