

School Transport - FAQs

What is the School Transport Scheme?

The School Transport Scheme which is operated by Bus Éireann on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills supports transport to and from school for children who reside remote from their nearest school.

Where can I get information on the School Transport Scheme?

The full terms of the primary and post primary schemes are available at:

- [Primary Scheme](#)
- [Post Primary Scheme](#)

Who is eligible?

- **Primary** children are eligible for transport where they reside not less than 3.2 kms from and are attending their nearest national school as determined by the Department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.
- **Post Primary** children are eligible for transport where they reside not less than 4.8 kms from and are attending their nearest education centre as determined by the Department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.

How do I apply?

Apply online on the School Transport webpage at www.buseireann.ie

When do I apply?

Application forms should be submitted by the last Friday in April each year.

What if my nearest school is full?

In cases where the Department is satisfied that your nearest school is full, eligibility for school transport will be determined based on the distance you reside from your next nearest school having regard to ethos and language.

To establish that the nearest school is full parents must provide:-

- Evidence that an application for enrolment was made within the deadline dates specified by the school

and

- A letter from the School Authorities confirming that the school was full

and

- A copy of the decision reached following an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act, 1998; this Act provides for an appeal by a parent to the Secretary General of the Department where a Board of Management of a school has refused to enrol a child.

Is there a charge?

Yes, the current annual charge is €100 per primary child subject to a maximum of €220 for families with primary children only; €350 per post primary child. The overall family maximum is €650.

Are some children exempt from the charge?

Yes. Children eligible for transport who hold valid Medical Cards (GMS Scheme) do not pay a charge. The child's Medical Card details are required when making the payment and details may be entered online at www.buseireann.ie

When do I pay?

Generally, invoices will issue in the first week of July. Payment must be made by the last Friday in July.

How do I pay?

You can pay on line at www.buseireann.ie or by sending a cheque/postal order/money order directly to your local Bus Éireann School Transport Office.

Can I spread the payment over the school year?

Payment may be made either in full by the last Friday in July or in two equal instalments in July and December.

Where can I get further information?

From your local Bus Éireann Office – [contact details](#).

Please note: FAQs are for information and guidelines purposes only. Full details of the terms of the schemes can be found on the [main school transport page](#).

Bus Éireann Local Offices

<u>Region</u>	<u>Local Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>e-mail</u>
Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare & Meath	Dublin School Transport Office, Tara House, Tara Street., Dublin 2.	01 8302222	schools.dublin@buseireann.ie
Cavan, Louth & Monaghan	Dundalk School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Longwalk, Dundalk, Co.Louth.	042 9355065/042 9355069	schools.dundalk@buseireann.ie
Cork	Cork School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Capwell, Cork.	021 4557137/021 4557129	schools.cork@buseireann.ie
Kerry	Tralee School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, John Joe Sheehy Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	066 7164750	schools.tralee@buseireann.ie
Limerick, Clare & North Tipperary	Limerick School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Roxboro Rd., Limerick City.	061 217484	schools.limerick@buseireann.ie
Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, South Tipperary & Waterford	Waterford School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Plunkett Station, Waterford City.	051 873401	schools.waterford@buseireann.ie
Galway	Galway School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Ceannt Station, Eyre Square, Galway City.	091 537512/091 537694	schools.galway@buseireann.ie
Laois, Offaly, Longford, Roscommon & Westmeath	Athlone School Transport Office, Bus Éireann Bus Depot, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	090 6473277	schools.athlone@buseireann.ie
Mayo	Ballina School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Kevin Barry Street, Ballina, Co Mayo.	096 71816	schools.ballina@buseireann.ie
Sligo & Leitrim	Sligo School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, McDiarmada Station, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo.	071 9160440	schools.sligo@buseireann.ie
Donegal	Stranorlar School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal.	074 9131008	schools.stranorlar@buseireann.ie