



Reference: FOI2776

Request:

1. For the academic year just ended, how many pupils received free home to school transport?

Bus Passes = 631

School Transport = 786

2. What was the total cost to the local authority of this provision? If possible please break this down by contracts for commercial buses/coaches, and passes for children to travel on public services.

Financial information is not held by academic year, therefore the figures provided are for the financial year 2019/20:

Bus Passes = £113,729

Other transport = £2,272,714

Total = £2,386,443

3. How many children received concessionary/spare/vacant seat places, and if possible how much money was received for these?

No children received concessionary/spare/vacant seat places.

4. What is the current estimate for how many pupils will receive free home to school transport for the coming academic year and the current estimate of the cost to the authority?

Bus Passes = 600+ for the academic year. Financial information is not held by academic year, therefore the estimate for the financial year 2020/21 is £113,729

School Transport = 800 for the academic year. Financial information is not held by academic year, therefore the estimate for the financial year 2020/21 is £2,671,712

5. Has the authority allowed applications for concessionary/spare/vacant seat places, revised numbers or told parents that there may not be capacity this year because of coronavirus?

No



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6. Is the authority doing anything else to reduce demand for school buses, such as offering to reimburse parents for mileage expenses if they drive their children to school, or recruiting minicabs etc? If so please provide details.

Parents are being offered a mileage allowance if they take their children to school.

Additional vehicles have been procured to cope with transporting children to school in their bubble groups.

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