

Home to School Transport

We provide free Home to School Transport (HTS) for East Lothian pupils who live more than two miles away from their local primary or secondary school.

The pupil's home address is defined as being that of their parent or legal guardian, not the address of a childminder or relative who may care for them on school days.

In the event of parental separation, the home address is defined as the address of the guardian receiving the Child Benefit payment.

Free school transport isn't available if you choose to send your child to a school that isn't their local primary or secondary school.

Please contact your school office for advice on how to submit an electronic application form for Home to School Transport. Paper applications are no longer issued.

Return to School – August 2021

New arrangements have been put in place from 18 August 2021 to safeguard the health and wellbeing of all passengers, drivers and escorts. These arrangements apply whether you travel on a contracted route, public service using a smart card, or in a taxi. Transport provision has reverted to the August 2020 system. Additional buses are in operation as primary and secondary pupils can no longer share transport, even if they are from the same family group. Bus times may also have changed and for some secondary schools buses are doing double runs to account for the 1m social distancing restraint on capacity.

The measures have been brought in following extensive work with our transport providers and in line with Government guidance and risk assessments.

We ask that all families read the information and discuss it with their children and young people.

To use Home to School Transport you will need:

- A face covering (if a medical exemption applies you should carry an exemption card, [available here](#))
- Hand sanitiser or freshly washed hands
- A valid pass for travel

Failing to carry out these actions could mean passengers are not allowed to use Home to School Transport.

You can find out more about our [guidance for families](#) and our [protocols for transport providers](#).

Smartcards

We encourage high school pupils to use public transport whenever possible however due to the latest 1m social distancing need we have consulted with operator and have replaced some routes with coaches. It is important each student has a valid Young Person Card with an up-to-date photograph on it. To order a new/replacement card or, to update your photograph, please contact your school office. They will arrange for your card to be issued and programmed through our Transport Services Team. Requests must come to us from your school office in the first instance.

Mainstream Transport between Home and School

- [Eve Coaches pick-up locations and timetables](#)
- [AC Taxis pick-up locations and timetables](#)
- [Prentice Coaches pick-up locations and timetables](#)
- Alba Taxis pick up times and locations please call 01875 815000
- [Torrance Taxis pick up times and locations](#) or call 01368 862612

Transport Services

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