

## School Transport Provision 2018/2019 (Bus Éireann)

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](http://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.

Application can be made online at [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) and must be submitted before the last Friday in April (**27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**). 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,

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Gerry Gannon,  
Manager School Transport,  
Bus Éireann.

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT 2018/2019 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](http://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](http://www.education.ie) and [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie).

### 8. Where can I get further information?

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

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT – Local Office Details

Information relating to school transport is available on:

[www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

[www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

and your local Bus Éireann office:

**Stranorlar School Transport Office**

**Bus Éireann**

**Stranorlar**

**Co Donegal**

***Tel: 074 9131008***

***Email: [schools.stranorlar@buseireann.ie](mailto:schools.stranorlar@buseireann.ie)***