

Application for Free Transport 2015/16



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Child's Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

School:

Parent/Carer Name:

Contact number:

Contact email:

**Please tell us why you think your child should have free transport
(use continuation sheets and attach evidence if necessary)**

Return completed form to:

School Admissions Team
Oxfordshire County Council
County Hall
New Road
Oxford OX1 1ND

(signature of parent/carer)

(date)

Free transport for those of school age (Reception to Year 11)

Children within the following categories are eligible for free transport:

a Children attending the nearest available school or educational placement to their address, if the distance from home to school is over the “statutory walking distance” of 3 miles if aged 8 or over or 2 miles if less than aged 8 and of school age. This applies whether or not the school was listed on the Common Admissions Form

b Children attending the nearest available school in Oxfordshire, if the distance from home to school is over the “statutory walking distance” of 3 miles if aged 8 or over or 2 miles if less than aged 8 and of school age. This applies whether or not the school was listed on the Common Admissions Form (CAF).

c Where at least 20% of addresses in a village are nearest to the catchment school and the rest are nearest to another school, free transport will be provided to the catchment school for all addresses if the distance is beyond the statutory walking distance or there is no safe walking route. This is referred to as the 'split village' entitlement.

d Children who are aged 8 or over and are under 11 years old who are eligible for Free School Meals or whose parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit and attend the nearest school if it is over 2 miles from their home.

e Children aged 11 to 16 who are eligible for Free School Meals or whose parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit and who attend one of their three nearest suitable schools (or places other than school at which they might receive education under section 19(1) of the Education Act 1996), where they live more than two but not more than 6 miles from that school. The 2 mile distance is measured by “walking route” and the 6 mile distance is measured by road route.

f Children attending the nearest available school to their address even if it is less than the statutory walking distance, if it would not be safe for a child accompanied by an adult to walk from the home to the school. This applies whether or not the school was listed on the CAF. If the route is subsequently determined to be safe the free transport will be withdrawn.

g Children aged 11 to 16 who are eligible for Free School Meals or whose parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit and want their child to be educated in accordance with their religion or belief and they attend the nearest suitable school preferred on grounds of religion or belief that is over 2 miles but no more than 15 miles from their home. The 2-mile distance is measured by “walking route” and the 15-mile distance is measured by road route.

h Children entitled to free transport who move house during Year 11 and continue to attend their original school subject to the following limits:

i Transport can be provided other than by taxi

ii The distance travelled is no more than 15 miles

Taxis will only be used in exceptional circumstances.

i Children with a disability who do not have a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan who by reason of their disability are unable to walk even relatively short distances to school and children with a mobility problem caused by a temporary medical condition, for example a broken leg. This assistance is subject to confirmation of the medical reasons for the provision by a GP or consultant.

j Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan where one of the following applies:

i The school attended is the nearest suitable school or educational placement to their address that has an available place, if the distance from home to school is over the “statutory walking distance” of 3 miles if aged 8 or over or 2 miles if less than aged 8 and of school age.

ii The school attended is the nearest suitable school or educational placement to their address that has an available place and the distance from home to school is less than the distances set out in j (i) but it would not be safe for a child accompanied by an adult to walk from the child’s home to the school.

iii The children concerned are unable to walk to school by reason of their special educational need or, if disabled, their disability or because of a temporary or long term medical condition. Evidence is required from a GP or consultant.