



School Transport Bursary Scheme

John Masefield High School

1. Eligibility

John Masefield High School will help your child with school transport if:

- a. They are not eligible for school transport assistance from Herefordshire Council
- b. They live over three miles from the school
- c. They attend one of our catchment feeder primary schools (Ashperton, Bosbury, Cradley, Colwall, Eastnor, Ledbury, Much Marcle).
- d. They live within the JMHS catchment area.

2. Information

- a. In determining distance to school we will use the 'nearest school finder' system which is available at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/nearest-school-finder>
- b. Transport will normally be a bus service from a boarding point/bus stop near to their home address to school.
- c. The service will run at the beginning and the end of the normal school day.
- d. No transport assistance is available for out of hours activities. If your child has a timetabled after school lesson, we will provide transport, but this may not be as close or direct as the normal service.
- e. Most children will walk less than a mile to their boarding point/bus stop to access transport. We will never expect your child to walk further to their transport than we would expect them to walk to school.
- f. You are responsible for ensuring your child gets to and from the boarding point/bus stop safely.
- g. Transport is only available between the school and your home address; you cannot use this transport to take your child to a second address or childcare facilities.
- h. The bursary system may be amended or withdrawn at any time, subject to a term's notice.

3. Financial Arrangements

- a. We will only contribute towards the cost of transport if your child meets the eligibility criteria.
- b. Parents will be expected to meet costs of up to £2 per day per child. We will provide financial support if the costs of transport are above £2 per day (£126 per term, £380 per year, based on 190 school days).
- c. We reserve the right to place an upper limit on financial support payable.
- d. Parents will be required to submit claim forms in arrears on a termly basis to JMHS with evidence of expenditure.

4. What to do now

- a. Parents are requested to contact the School Business Manager at JMHS, wendy.bradbeer@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk (01531 631012) to check their eligibility for the bursary scheme.