



Caldew School Transport

In Catchment Transport

If you live further away than the statutory walking distance from your catchment or nearest qualifying school or you fall within the “low income group”, transport arrangements are the County Council’s responsibility for children up to age 16. Such transport is free although parents/carers must apply for school transport.

Further information is available from:

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/schooltransport.asp> or alternatively, telephone 01228 226427 or 01228 226428. **Any queries related to school transport for those living in catchment should be directed to the Council.**

Out of Catchment Transport

If you live outside the catchment area for Caldew, parents/carers are responsible for their child’s transport arrangements. The Council operates a Spare Seat Scheme to assist parents/carers, which involves making available, at a charge, spare capacity on vehicles contracted to take children entitled to free transport to and from school. The current cost is £504.30 per year, payable in three termly instalments of £199, £187 and £118.30. It should be noted that **the position regarding the availability of spare seats will not be known until after the start of the academic year and it must be stressed that, until you are advised by Cumbria County Council that a seat is available, you must make appropriate arrangements to get your child to school.**

Currently there are several pay-to-ride services which our students use:

Stagecoach S91/S92

A Caldew School Schoolrider currently costs £20 per week. Contactless payment now accepted. Please contact Stagecoach directly on 01228 819090 for further information.

Irvings of Dalston

Currently £3.50 per day

Please contact Irving of Dalston directly on 01228 710810 for further information

This route is very popular so contacting Irving of Dalston as early as possible is advisable

To book a seat on this route for next year, please contact Irving of Dalston directly or use the following link and enter 24/25 as the academic year:

<https://passenger.shuttleid.uk/waiting-list/b37f3b80-29c4-4cf0-bf77-1be2f31dcfdf>

There is also a regular train service between Carlisle, Dalston and Wigton, operated by Northern Rail. Visit <https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/> for train times and ticket prices.

Transport for 6th Form Students

Transport arrangements for 6th Form students who live in catchment are different than for students in Years 7-11. Free transport for 6th Form students will only be available from Cumbria County Council in the following circumstances:

- Qualifying Post-16 students from ‘low income’ families;
- Qualifying Post-16 students who have a learning difficulty and/or disability.

For students who do not meet either of these criteria, spare capacity on vehicles contracted by the Cumbria County Council for students with a statutory entitlement to transport will be offered to Post-16 Education Providers at a cost of £504.30 per seat per year (payable in three termly instalments). This process is administered by Caldew School, and any queries should be directed to the Admin Office in the first instance.