

## The way in which concessionary travel is applied for is changing.....

The Council offers concessionary travel on existing routes with spare seats to schools each term. The way in which parents now apply for a spare seat is changing to allow a fairer and more efficient process.

There will no longer be paper forms and cheques as everything moves online!

Applications for the new academic year will be available via the website from **10am on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school/transport/not-entitled.aspx>



Payments are not required until a seat has been confirmed, parents will receive communication from the team to request payments are made within 5 working days. Failure to make the payment within the timescale will result in the seat being offered to the next person on the list.

Nothing else about concessionary travel is changing. The cost is still £267.00 a term or £800.00 for the year and they are still offered on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

Please find below a list of main points parents need to consider when deciding to apply for a paid spare seat....

- Spaces are offered on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis
- It is not a guaranteed form of transport and alternative arrangements should be in place.
- A seat is charged at £267.00 per term or £800.00 per year
- Applicants who chose to pay per term MUST apply each term
- Students are not permitted to use the service until their pass has been received.
- Passes are not issued until after the term has started
- If payment is not received within 5 working days of request, the seat will be lost and will not be offered again until all concessions have been considered.
- No stops will be added to routes to accommodate concessionary pupils and they must make their way to the nearest stop available
- Buses will not be upsized to accommodate concessionary demand.
- A space for one term will not guarantee a seat for the following term.
- Seats can be removed at any time with a minimum of two weeks' notice
- Schools are not permitted to give temporary passes to concessionary students.

Concessionary seats are not a legal requirement and parents who chose to send their children to schools not their catchment or nearest, must understand that transport and attendance is their responsibility.