

School Transport Policies Consultation

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Dear Stakeholder,

Isle of Wight Council has launched a consultation on proposed changes to the School Transport Policy, which sets out how the local authority provides eligible children and young people with assistance to get to schools and other educational settings on the Island.

The council currently arranges daily transport to school for over 1,700 children and young people. The Council is required by law to provide school transport, free of charge, to all children and young people of compulsory school age that meet the nationally set distance criteria and a number of other rules.

In addition, the council is consulting in relation to Post 16 travel arrangements. Although there is no automatic entitlement to local authority funded school or college transport once a student is over the age of 16, Isle of Wight Council makes discretionary funding available in certain circumstances.

The consultations close on **Friday 28th November 2025** and if approved, any changes to the policy will be applied to new applications for transport from September 2026. We would welcome your views via the consultation which can be accessed online at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/home-to-school-transport/school-transport-consultations/>.

Kind Regards

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