

Dear GM Secondary Schools,

As you approach the end of term we are providing travel information, advice and guidance for schools, parents and pupils for this summer break and the next academic year.

We know this is a busy time of year for your school and appreciate any effort to help share this message before the end of term. Please pass this on to any relevant members of staff that support your communications.

Our updated '[Travelling to school](#)' webpage offers a 'one-stop shop' for travel information, including a school travel checklist. The page also links out to a bespoke travel webpage for your school, with more detailed and localised information, including any school bus services.

Please use the messages below in your emails, newsletters, social media and any other ways you connect with and speak to parents/guardians and pupils. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

TfGM Partnerships and Engagement Team

Information for pupils, parents and guardians

Please consider using the social media posts and articles below in your communications with pupils and parents/guardians.

Social media

Post	Image
Don't leave it to the last minute to plan how you'll get to school next year. There's loads of advice online about getting around on buses, trams or safely cycling and walking. Check out your school travel page at beenetwork.com/schools	
Aged 16-18 and leaving school to go to college or work? Get in early and apply for your 'Our Pass' now for free bus travel and	

a load of exclusive offers.

Visit

ourpass.co.uk for more info.



**2 YEARS FREE
BUS TRAVEL**

OURPASS

Applications include a non-refundable £10 admin fee.
Proof of age and address required.

 **BEE NETWORK**

The advertisement features a dark background with a yellow border. At the top, the text '2 YEARS FREE BUS TRAVEL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, there is a photograph of two young women sitting at a table, smiling and looking at a purple card that says 'OURPASS'. The card has a torn edge effect. To the left of the women, there is a small, stylized illustration of a bus. Below the photograph, the text 'Applications include a non-refundable £10 admin fee. Proof of age and address required.' is written in a smaller, white font. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'BEE NETWORK' which consists of a yellow hexagon with a black bee inside, followed by the words 'BEE NETWORK' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

School newsletter articles

Igo card applications and summer drop-in sessions

If you're 11-16 years old you'll need an [igo card](#) to travel using child tickets on buses and trams in Greater Manchester. It can take up to two weeks to process your igo card application, so make sure you apply in plenty of time for the start of the new term.

The Bee Network team is on hand to help at five pop-up stalls at [interchanges](#) across Greater Manchester this summer. Simply drop by between 12pm – 5pm to speak to staff and get your application in early:

1. 28th July – Stockport
2. 4th August – Shudehill
3. 11th August – Bolton
4. 18th August – Altrincham*
5. 25th August – Bury

**Altrincham Interchange will be offering additional support Monday 17, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August – 10am-2pm*

Make sure you bring:

1. A passport-sized colour photo of the child that's applying.
1. Proof of name and age of the child applying: a copy of your birth certificate, adoption certificate, medical card, passport or EU/EEA card. Please do not bring original documents.
1. Payment for the £10 fee – card only.

You can also apply for an igo by post or at a [Bee Network Information and Ticket Office](#).

Find out more about [the igo card](#).

Year 11 and leaving school? Get your 'Our Pass' now!

Leaving school to start college, sixth form or a job or apprenticeship? If you're 16-18 years old you can apply now for 'Our Pass' to get free bus (and discounted tram) travel across Greater Manchester – and other exclusive offers.

Visit ourpass.co.uk to apply and be sure to get your application in early to have it for the start of term.

Free bus travel for children this August

As part of the government's [Summer Savings](#) campaign, children aged 5-15 can travel for free on Bee Network bus services throughout August.

What you need to know:

1. Valid for children aged 5 to 15
2. Available on Bee Network buses and other participating buses across England
3. Unlimited free travel during August
4. No registration or sign-up required

Additionally, we're activating Our Passes early from 1 August so all young people under 18 can enjoy free bus travel throughout the summer.

If students apply for Our Pass after 1 Aug, once approved, it will activate straight away and available to use.

TravelSafe this summer

This summer you'll probably want to hang out with your mates. That could mean travelling together on buses and trams or using bus stations and tram stops. [TravelSafe Support and Enforcement Officers](#) patrol buses, trams and interchanges to keep everyone safe and offer help if you need it.

Remember, it's fine to have fun. But it's also important you don't do things that might make other people using buses or trams feel uncomfortable.

You can get advice and tips for you and your friends at tfgm.com/schools.

Information for schools

Active travel support for schools (Walking, Wheeling and Cycling)

The TfGM Active Travel Team has a wealth of support available to schools, including:

1. Youth Travel Ambassador (YTA) programme
2. Bespoke cycle training - <https://forms.office.com/e/YZSdQsa6tm>
3. An online School Travel Planning platform (Modeshift STARS)
4. Bespoke school travel maps and leaflets
5. A range of other school travel resources

To find out more please visit the [Support for Schools webpage](#) or drop us a line at: active.travel@tfgm.com

Travelsafe Partnership Engagement with Secondary Schools

The Travelsafe team visits secondary schools (at no cost) to deliver educational engagement to all year groups about their safety and security on the transport network. The session also covers acceptable and unacceptable behaviours, the consequences of becoming involved in crime or ASB on the transport network and employ the use of targeted messaging to cover missile attacks on buses and verbal abuse to staff. Virtual Reality headset sessions are also used for groups of up to 30 pupils to provide a more immersive experience. If you would like to find out more, please email the team at travelsafe@tfgm.com

Travel training resources for young people

As part of a wider initiative to support young people, we have worked with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Greater Manchester Police and other local partners to develop a range of travel training resources.

These materials are designed to support young people on their journey towards independent travel, promoting well-being by helping them build confidence and develop essential skills at their own pace.

Our Greater Manchester Independent Travel Guide has practical guidance on journey planning, ticketing, staying safe, overcoming common challenges, and how to access further support. You can also view and share our range of engaging Travel training video tutorials. For further information about all these resources please [visit our webpage HERE](#).

Arrange a school trip to the Museum of Transport

For a fun and educational day out, why not visit the Greater Manchester Museum of Transport in Cheetham Hill. There's free admission for school visits on Wednesdays if you pre-book. Groups of up to 30 (including teachers and assistants) can be accommodated.

The museum offers guided tours of up to two hours as part of your visit, which can be tailored to different age groups, and worksheets are available. Several bus routes run to the museum, and it's just 10 minutes from the Bury line Queens Road tram stop, so you could use the '[Kid for a Quid](#)' tram travel offer to get there. You can find out more [at the Museum's website](#).