

# POST- PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHEME

## **1. Eligibility**

- 1.1 To be eligible for transport under this scheme, a pupil must:
  - (a) be enrolled for an approved course in a recognised post-primary school;
  - (b) be not less than 12 years of age on the first day of January of the school-year in which the pupil enters second level education;
  - (c) as a rule, have completed a full course of primary education;
  - (d) live 4.8 kilometres, or more, from his/her appropriate post-primary education centre.
- 1.2 Eligible pupils may be transported to the post-primary centre which caters for the catchment area in which they live. (Pupils availing themselves of such facilities are referred to as “Fully Eligible Pupils”).
- 1.3 School transport services are organised as a network of main routes serving each catchment area. Pupils living off a main route are expected to get, or be brought, to a convenient pick-up on the main route. Spurs off the main route will not be operated for such pupils. The routes will be planned so that, as far as possible, no pupil will have more than 3.2 kilometres to travel to a pick-up point.

## **2. Concessionary Transport**

- 2.1 Where an eligible pupil attends a school at a centre other than the post-primary centre which caters for the catchment area in which s/he lives, s/he **may** be allowed the **concession** of transport from the catchment boundary of the centre attended, **provided** there is a spare seat on a bus serving that centre.
- 2.2 The pupils themselves, are responsible for getting to the catchment boundary or to the nearest school bus service within that catchment area. (Pupils availing of such facilities are referred to as “**Catchment Boundary Pupils**”).
- 2.3 A pupil who is approved for catchment boundary transport is not guaranteed school transport for the duration of his/her education at that centre. As this is a concessionary measure, continued transport will depend on the availability of spare seats on the bus to that centre. Priority will be given to eligible pupils enrolled in or proposing to enrol in a school located in the catchment area in which they live. **If you are unsure about the catchment area in which you live or the various categories of school transport, please check with your chosen school or the Transport Liaison Officer at the offices of the Vocational Education Committee serving your area.**

## **3. Contribution**

- 3.1 Eligible pupils may avail of school transport under the scheme on payment of the appropriate contribution. Where eligible pupils are holders of medical cards the contribution may be waived in respect of such children.

## **4. Grants**

- 4.1 A grant may be paid towards the cost of private transport arrangements where a pupil is eligible for transport and none is available, or where a pupil is unable to avail of school transport, due to illness/disability.
- 4.2 For fully eligible pupils residing more than 3.2 kilometres from a pick-up point or outside the range of a school transport service, a Remote Area Grant, based on distance and attendance may be paid. Only one grant is payable per family.

## **5. Education through Irish**

- 5.1 Pupils who wish to obtain post-primary education entirely through Irish are eligible for transport to the nearest centre in which there is a secondary, vocational, comprehensive or community school providing such education, if they live 4.8 kilometres or more from the centre.

## **6. General**

- 6.1 No special school bus service may be established unless there is a minimum of seven eligible pupils within an area which can be reasonably and economically served by the bus route.
- 6.2 The combined maximum daily travelling and waiting times is ideally 2.5 hours, but may in exceptional circumstances, exceed this threshold.
- 6.3 The granting of facilities under this scheme will be at the discretion of the Minister for Education and Skills.
- 6.4 The fact that transport facilities have been availed of by pupils contrary to the terms of the scheme in no way confers on the recipients a right to continue to avail of the facilities.

## **7. Further Information**

- 7.1 Further information on school transport services may be obtained by visiting the Department of Education & Skills website at [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

**AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS AGUS SCILEANNA  
POST-PRIMARY TRANSPORT SCHEME : SCHOOL YEAR 2011/2012**

Pupil deleted from the Requisitions but who is now applying for transport in 2011/2012

**IMPORTANT - THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

*(All Answers in BLOCK CAPITALS please)*

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Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Full Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Notice**

There are agreed catchment areas for second level schools. If your chosen school is within the catchment area in which you reside and 4.8 kilometres or more from your home, you are eligible for school transport. If your chosen school is outside of the catchment area in which you reside, you are not normally eligible for school transport. However, you may be accommodated if there is a spare seat on the bus but you must make your own way to the nearest pick-up point inside that catchment area. You should check with either your chosen second level school or Transport Liaison Officer at your local VEC offices regarding catchment boundaries.

- Name and address of school being attended \_\_\_\_\_
- Please state previous Family Identity Number, if known \_\_\_\_\_  
(a family identity number will be available if you or another member of the family used school transport – see bus ticket).
- State pupil's Class (Standard) next year and approved course of study (e.g. Junior Cycle 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Transition Year; Senior Cycle, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> year) \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the school at 1 above located in the "catchment area" in which you live? Yes  No.
- If you answered 'No' to Question 4, please state the reason why you propose to enrol pupil in a school outside of the catchment area in which you live e.g.  
All-Irish  Denomination  Special Needs  Other  provide details \_\_\_\_\_
- Indicate the type of service that operates on the route, e.g. School Bus, Ordinary Public Bus, Train \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Declaration**

I declare that the information given is correct. I have read the terms and conditions of the Post-Primary Transport Scheme and a copy has been retained by me.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent or Guardian) Date / /

I wish to confirm that the pupil has enrolled in the above named school.

**Signature of School Principal** \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

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**School Centre**

Route Number	
To school	From school

I am satisfied that the School Transport entitlement of this pupil is categorised as under. If Bus Éireann confirm that catchment boundary transport (C B) is available, I will notify the parent/guardian in writing of the position.

FH	FHU	FA	CB	SF	PLC	O

**Signature of TLO** \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /



## SCÉIM IOMPAIR d'IARBHUNSCOILEANNA:

### 1. Incháilitheacht

- 1.1 Chun a bheith incháilithe d'iompar faoin scéim seo, ní mór do dhalta:
  - (a) a bheith ar rolla do chúrsa ceadaithe in iarbhunscóil aitheanta;
  - (b) a bheith 12 bliain d'aois ar a laghad an chéad lá d'Eanáir den scoilbhliain a dtéann an dalta isteach in oideachas dara leibhéal;
  - (c) mar riail, cúrsa iomlán oideachais bunscóile a bheith críochnaithe;
  - (d) a bheith ina c(h)ónaí 4.8 ciliméadar, nó níos mó, ón ionad iarbhuideoachais chúí.
- 1.2 Is féidir daltaí incháilithe a iompar chuig an ionad iarbhuideoachais a fhreastalaíonn ar an gceantar ina gcónaíonn sé/sí.  
(Tagraítear do dhaltaí a bhaineann leas as saoráidí mar sin mar “Daltaí Incháilithe Iomlána”).
- 1.3 Eagraítear seirbhísí iompair scoile mar líonra príomhbhealaí a fhreastalaíonn ar gach ceantar. Bíonn ar dhaltaí nach gcónaíonn ar an bpríomhbhealach dul chuig pointe bailithe caoithiúil, nó a bheith tugtha, chuig pointe bailithe caoithiúil ar an bpríomhbhealach. Ní fheidhmeofar spoir den phríomhbhealach do dhaltaí mar sin. Pleanálfar na bealaí bus scoile, chomh fada agus is féidir é, ionas nach mbeidh ar aon pháiste dul níos faide ná 3.2 ciliméadar go pointe bailithe.

### 2. Iompar Lamháltais

- 2.1 Nuair a fhreastalaíonn dalta incháilithe ar scoil ag ionad eile seachas ar an ionad iarbhuideoachais a fhreastalaíonn ar an gceantar ina gcónaíonn sé/sí ann, **d'fhéadfadh** sé go mbeadh cead aige/aici lamháltais iompair a fháil ó theorainn cheantar an ionaid a bhfuiltear ag freastail air, **sin má** bhíonn suíochán le spáráil ar an mbus a fhreastalaíonn ar an ionad sin.
- 2.2 Bíonn an fhreagracht ar na daltaí, iad féin, dul chomh fada le teorainn an cheantair nó dul chuig an tseirbhís bus scoile is gaire laistigh den cheantar sin. (Tagraítear do dhaltaí a bhaineann leas as saoráidí mar sin mar “**Daltaí ar Theorainn an Cheantair**”).
- 2.3 Ní bhíonn aon ráthaíocht ag dalta a bhíonn ceadaithe d'iompar teorainn ceantair d'iompar an fhad agus a bhíonn sé/sí i mbun oideachais ag an ionad sin. De bharr gur beart lamháltais é sin, braithfidh iompar leanúnach ar infhaighteacht suíocháin le spáráil ar an mbus chuig an ionad sin. Tabharfar tosaíocht do dhaltaí incháilithe a bhíonn rollaithe nó a bheartaíonn rollú i scoil a bhíonn lonnaithe sa cheantar ina gcónaíonn siad. **Mura bhfuil tú cinnte faoi gceantar ina gcónaíonn tú ann nó faoi na catagóirí éagsúla d'iompar scoile, seiceáil le do thoil leis an scoil atá roghnaithe agat nó leis an Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Iompair ag na h-oifigí den Choiste Gairmoideachais atá ag freastal ar do cheantar.**

### 3. Ranníoc

- 3.1 Thig lé dalta cáilithe leas a bhaint as iompar scoile faoin scéim ar an ranníocaíocht is iomchuí a íoc. I gcás ina mbeidh daltaí cáilithe mar shealbhóirí ar cártaí leighis is féidir an ranníoc a tharscaoileadh i leith na leanaí sin.

### 4. Deontais

- 4.1 D'fhéadfaí deontas a íoc i dtreo costais shocrúithe iompair phríobháideacha nuair a bhíonn dalta incháilithe d'iompar ach nuair nach mbíonn aon iompar ar fáil, nó nuair nach féidir le dalta leas a bhaint as iompar scoile, de bharr tinnis/míchumais.
- 4.2 D'fhéadfaí Deontas Ceantar Iargúlta, bunaithe ar achar agus ar fhreastail a íoc le daltaí incháilithe iomlána a bhíonn ina gcónaí níos mó ná 3.2 ciliméadar ó phointe bailithe nó a bhíonn lasmuigh de raon seirbhís iompair scoile. Ní bhíonn ach aon deontas amháin iníoctha in aghaidh an teaghlaigh.

### 5. Oideachas trí Ghaeilge

- 5.1 Bíonn daltaí ar mian leo iarbhuideoachas a fháil go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge incháilithe d'iompar chuig an ionad is gaire ina mbíonn meánscoil, gairmscoil, scoil chuimsitheach nó pobalscoil nó coláiste pobail ag soláthar oideachais den sórt sin, má chónaíonn siad 4.8 ciliméadar nó níos mó ón ionad.

### 6. Ginearálta

- 6.1 Ní féidir aon seirbhís bus scoile speisialta a bhunú mura mbíonn íosmhéid de sheachtar daltaí incháilithe laistigh de cheantar agus ar féidir le bealach bus freastal orthu go réasúnach agus go heacnamúil.
- 6.2 Go h-ideálach, is é an t-uasmhéid iomlán d'amanna taistil agus feithimh ná 2.5 uaire, ach i gcásanna eisceachtúla, d'fhéadfadh siad dul thar an tairseach sin.
- 6.3 Is de rogha an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna a bheidh deonú saoráidí faoin scéim seo.
- 6.4 De bharr gur bhain daltaí leas as saoráidí iompair in aghaidh théarmaí na scéime, ní shin le rá go bhfuil sé de cheart ag na faighteoirí leanúint ar aghaidh ag úsáid na saoráidí sin.

### 7. Tuilleadh Eolais

- 7.1 Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil maidir le seirbhísí iompair scoile trí fhéachaint ar láithreán gréasáin na Roinne Oideachais & Scileanna ag [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)