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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that if you live in the Comberton catchment area and your child is entitled to free transport to school from September then you will need to apply for a bus pass from Cambridgeshire County Council using this link: <a href="Pre-16">Pre-16</a> transport (mainstream) | Cambridgeshire County Council

Passes are issued only for a child's primary address as registered with the school, regardless of whether separated parents live in the catchment. If you wish to appeal this then you can write to the Education Transport team at edtransport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk after you have submitted your application.

The villages for which free transport is provided are: Grantchester, Coton, Barton (Wimpole Rd where distance is more than 3 miles to Comberton or on south side of A603 only) Haslingfield, Harlton, Orwell (where the distance to Comberton is less than that to Bassingbourn VC) Gt and Lt Eversden, Kingston, Bourn, Longstowe, Gamlingay, East Hatley, Hatley St George, Caxton, Caldecote, Childerley, Hardwick, Dry Drayton and Madingley. If you live within the catchment but not near a bus stop, the council will either try to add a stop for your child if there is a safe place to pick-up or drop-off or will arrange for your child to be transported by taxi. If this is the case, then you still need to apply.

They are now accepting applications and welcome these sooner rather than later so they can ensure your child gets a seat on the bus closest to your home address. Once your child has been issued a pass in August, you do not need to re-apply unless you move house or have a compelling reason for your child to change to a different route from the same village.

If you live in a village not listed above and there is a Comberton-run sixth form bus to your village, you can apply for a paid-for seat if you have not already done so by emailing our Logistics Co-ordinator Miss Danyah Aboujieb at com buses@combertonvc.org. Priority on these services is given to sixth form students but we aim to accommodate those in the main school wherever possible. Once your child has been allocated a seat, they will be able to keep it without re-application for the duration of their time at Comberton as long as the service remains viable and if they are not eligible for a council funded route. The routes and fares for 2025-2026 are still under review, we hope there will be only minimal changes to the current service and price. These will be communicated to applicants as soon as they have been fixed. The current timetable of all routes including those the school contracts are on the website here: Transport - Comberton Village College If your child has not been allocated a bus by July 1st, please contact Miss Aboujieb.















