

Junior College Travel Funding Statement

The EKC Group Junior Colleges are classed as a '14-16 Direct Entry Provisions'. Full details of what this means can be found in the link further in this statement. As a result, they are funded slightly differently to many other Local Authority secondary schools.

We have had many families contact the Junior College inquiring about financial support for transport. Families should refer to the [Kent County Council Free school transport website](#), which sets the parameters for applying for free school transport.

However, in accordance to the [14-16 Direct Entry guidance](#), "Children of compulsory school age (meaning those aged 5 to 16) are eligible for free home to school transport in certain circumstances. However, students aged 14 to 16 who enrol at a participating college will not be eligible because colleges are not qualifying schools for home to school transport purposes. Local authorities may choose to provide free transport for such students, but they are not obliged to do so."

The EKC Group are not at liberty to use its Pupil Premium funding to pay for transport, as this is not in line with the published Pupil Premium Strategy, which outlines how this money will be used to diminish the academic achievement gap between Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium learners.

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