

Important changes to transport for your child

Kent County Council (KCC) has changed its Transport Policy for students aged 19-25 with an EHCP who have previously received transport support.

You will now need to follow the process below:

1. Complete your online application to KCC.

We urge you to do this as soon as possible to meet their deadline of 31 May 2026. Please note, you do not need to provide your supporting evidence.

KCC will keep your application open until they have all the evidence required to make a decision. This includes the outcome of your College bursary application to us. The link to apply is at the bottom of this page.

2. Apply for a College bursary.

Apply for a financial support for transport from the College with a bursary application made on PayMyStudent via College website.

On EKC Website, select your College and click the 'Financial Support' page to apply. College bursary applications open on **5 May 2026**.

3. Complete the online application on the PayMyStudent portal and upload requested supporting evidence of household income.

4. Wait for your College bursary application to be processed.

Your College bursary application will be assessed against the qualifying criteria for financial support. You will receive a letter sent via email with the outcome of your application at the earliest available opportunity.

Your application for financial support for travel via College bursary was **UNSUCCESSFUL**

Your application for financial support for travel via College bursary was **SUCCESSFUL**

5. Provide the College bursary outcome letter to KCC to support your application with them.

The College cannot make any financial contribution to your travel costs. You will receive an outcome letter advising your bursary application has been unsuccessful and the reason for this. You can now provide this letter as evidence to support the application you have sent to KCC.

6. Your application journey ends, or you need to send your outcome letter to KCC if you need more funding.

The college will make a financial contribution up to a maximum of £2000 per student (paid in monthly instalments via bank transfer). You will receive an outcome letter confirming the amounts and payment dates via email. **If the bursary award does not cover your overall transport costs, you will need to make a further application to KCC. The deadline to submit your application is 31 May 2026.**

You can find out more about the changes KCC have made and how to apply to KCC for support with transport here: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/school-transport-for-children-with-special-educational-needs/post-16-transport-options-for-send-young-people/apply-for-post-16-transport-assistance#changes_2026_2027