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Back to school



Due to the coronavirus pandemic, how we travel around Greater Manchester has changed. Whether you're returning to school or college, or you're a parent of school-age children, please plan ahead and follow the latest travel guidance to help keep everyone safe.

Where they can, we're encouraging children and parents to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Travelling on foot, by bike or by scooter can be a safe and healthy way to make shorter journeys, while freeing up space for pupils who need to use public transport.

If you do use public transport to get to and from school, space will be limited on many services due to social distancing – and once capacity is reached passengers won't be allowed to board commercial or Yellow School Buses. We've also suspended the Yellow School Bus pass system, so any schoolchild can use these services.

On the bus, tram or train you can take responsibility for keeping yourself and others safe by following a few simple measures:

- Wear a face covering on-board and in stations and interchanges, unless you're under 11 or you're [exempt](#) for another reason.



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Make sure you check the latest information and safe travel advice.

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**Safe streets
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Local authorities are using temporary pop-up measures to give pedestrians and cyclists more space.

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- Keep your distance where possible on the platform, stop, station and on-board.
- Clean your hands regularly and carry your own hand sanitiser.
- Use contactless payment, buying tickets online for smart cards or using mobile apps where possible, or use exact change only if you need to pay with cash.
- Don't board public transport if you, or a member of your household, has symptoms of coronavirus.
- If a child develops symptoms while at school or college, the school will contact parents and they must return home. They should not travel home on public transport.

TfGM's iGo card is proof of age ID (needed for child tickets from age 11) and is also a smart card for buying tickets online – please see below for details.

If you're a parent who needs to drive your children to or from school, please switch off your engine when waiting and consider parking further away and walking the last part of the journey to reduce air pollution.

If you're interested in keeping up to date with the latest news and offers for school travel products, sign up to our [schools newsletter](#).



If you can, travel contactless, use the app or buy online

If you are travelling on Metrolink, you can now get a receipt when you travel contactless.

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Cycling and Walking

Travelling on foot, by bike



School bus services

We subsidise more than

or by scooter can be a safe and healthy way to make shorter trips to school.

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300 dedicated school services and run a fleet of hybrid-electric Yellow School Buses.

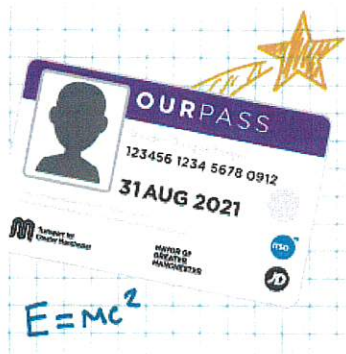
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igo card

From the age of 11 until 31 August after your 16th birthday, you can pay child fares on buses in Greater Manchester if you have an iGo card.

Find out more and check if you are eligible



Our Pass

A pass that gives 16-18 year-olds across Greater Manchester the freedom to travel, work and learn.

Find out more and check if you are eligible





Free School pass

If you're under 16 and it's a long way to school, a Free School Pass lets you travel there and back for nothing. You must apply for a [pass from your local council](#) not from TfGM.

Find out more and check if you are eligible

Scholar's permit

If you're aged between 16 to 19, you can pay for child fares on buses, trams and trains in Greater Manchester for your travel to school or college.

Find out more and check if you are eligible

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