



**John Masefield High School  
School Transport Bursary Scheme  
2017-18**

**1. Eligibility**

John Masefield High School will help your child with school transport if:

- a. They are not eligible for school transport assistance from Herefordshire Council
- b. They live over three miles from the school
- c. They attend one of our catchment feeder primary schools (Ashperton, Bosbury, Cradley, Colwall, Eastnor, Ledbury, Much Marcle).
- d. They live within the JMHS catchment area.

**2. Information**

- a. In determining distance to school we will use the 'nearest school finder' system which is available at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/nearest-school-finder>
- b. Transport will normally be a bus service from a boarding point/bus stop near to their home address to school.
- c. The service will run at the beginning and the end of the normal school day.
- d. No transport assistance is available for out of hours activities. If your child has a timetabled after school lesson, we will provide transport, but this may not be as close or direct as the normal service.
- e. Most children will walk less than a mile to their boarding point/bus stop to access transport. We will never expect your child to walk further to their transport than we would expect them to walk to school.
- f. You are responsible for ensuring your child gets to and from the boarding point/bus stop safely.
- g. Transport is only available between the school and your home address; you cannot use this transport to take your child to a second address or childcare facilities.
- h. The bursary system may be amended or withdrawn at any time, subject to a term's notice.

**3. Financial Arrangements**

- a. We will only contribute towards the cost of transport if your child meets the eligibility criteria.
- b. Parents will be expected to meet costs of up to £2 per day per child. We will provide financial support if the costs of transport are above £2 per day (£126 per term, £380 per year, based on 190 school days).
- c. We reserve the right to place an upper limit on financial support payable.
- d. Parents will be required to submit claim forms in arrears on a termly basis to JMHS with evidence of expenditure.
- e. From September 2017 we will be checking the attendance of children in receipt of the transport bursary and if their attendance is not excellent we will reserve the right not to award the bursary. JMHS expects students to have excellent attendance at all times, however we understand that occasionally a child is ill and cannot come to school. We also appreciate that some children need time off for medical treatment and this will be taken into consideration when confirming attendance.

**4. What to do now**

Parents are requested to contact the School Business Manager at JMHS, [wendy.bradbeer@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:wendy.bradbeer@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk) (01531 631012) to check their eligibility for the bursary scheme.