

Return to School

Travel Bulletin #2

11th September 2020

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council wants to ensure that children and young people can travel to school and college safely and reliably from September. We are working closely with schools, colleges and local public transport operators to monitor the operational effectiveness as students start to return to education.

To help manage travel demand during the first term, we have developed advice for schools and colleges in the form of a travel pack which provides key travel information.

In this regular bulletin we aim to keep you updated with what's happening across the transport network.

This bulletin includes information on the bus and train tickets and parking around schools.

Week's Highlights

1. Most of schools in Southend have now re-opened. This puts pressure on our transport system as social distancing rules are still in place. Please help us Keep Moving by staying local and working from home if you can.
2. Students returning to school? Don't return to old habits! Leave space on the transport network for those that need it most whilst improving your health. Leave the car at home and walk, wheel or cycle where you can.
3. Roads are likely to be busy in Southend. Is your car trip short enough to walk, wheel or cycle? Save space on the road network for those who need it most.

4. School gates were extremely busy last week, and congestion is increasing around schools due to parking and drop off. Remember, walk the last part of your journey if you can, consider parking a few streets away from the school and leave space for those who really need to drop-off at school gates.
5. If you normally travel to school by public transport, remember capacity is reduced on normal buses due to physical distancing. Please use the dedicated school buses if you can.
6. If you need to travel please walk, wheel or cycle wherever possible and retime your journey outside of the traditional travel peaks. Leave more time for your journey and check operators App for live updates and for more information.

Arriva Tickets

Arriva offers a wide range of tickets options for Students and Child.

This range includes weekly, 4 week, Autumn, Academic Year and Annual under [Scholar Saver tickets Type](#).

Tickets Validity

The Saver tickets (students in Year 11 and below) are valid on all Arriva services in the specified zones including dedicated school services. These dedicated school services are restricted to school students only so those who are not school students will be refused.

What happens if students miss the dedicated school bus?

If students miss a dedicated school or the dedicated school bus is not conveniently located, then please use regular public bus services. We highly recommend students to use the dedicated school buses where possible, as there may be capacity issues on regular public bus services.

Tickets delivery

Tickets can be bought from the bus driver, online or through the Arriva UK Bus App. They can be delivered by post or directly to a students' mobile phone. During this period, it is recommended to use contactless payment whenever possible and to buy your tickets in advance, so operators can plan ahead from the expected passenger numbers.



Tickets prices

Prices for Arriva services in the Southend area are outlined below. For more information or to buy it tickets online, visit the [Arriva Website](#).

Type	Price	Details
Student 4 Week*	£40	Unlimited travel within the Southend zone.
Student Autumn*	£185	Autumn Term valid until December 18th 2020. Valid for those in college/University with valid ID.
Student Academic Year*	£435	Student Academic Year valid from August 31st 2020 until July 23rd 2021. Valid for those in college/University with valid ID.
Student Annual*	£455	Unlimited travel within the Southend zone.
Child Day	£2.80	Unlimited travel in the Southend zone
Child Week	£12	Unlimited travel in the Southend zone
Child 4 Week	£37	Unlimited travel in the Southend zone
Child Autumn	£150	Autumn Term valid from August 31st until December 23rd 2020. Available to purchase for any person up to the age of 16, or in year 11 in high school.
Child Academic Year	£370	Academic Year valid from August 31st 2020 until July 23rd 2021. Available to purchase for any person up to the age of 16, or in year 11 in High School.
Child Annual	£385	Available to purchase for any person up to the age of 16, or in year 11 in high school.

*Student ID must be shown to the driver when using Student Tickets.

First Tickets

First offers tickets for Students and Children with a variety of options.

For more information visit the [First Essex Website](#).

C2c Tickets

c2c offers tickets for Students and Children.

A Smart Student card that can be obtained in advance for full time students aged 16+ travelling on c2c services for certain schools. For more information visit the [C2C Website](#).

Greater Anglia / Abellio Tickets

Greater Anglia / Abellio offers tickets for Students and Children

Student season tickets for Greater Anglia / Abellio are available for students travelling to Southend Victoria only and for certain schools. For more information visit the [Greater Anglia Website](#).