

2026/2027 Sixth Form Surplus Seat Applications – Terms and Conditions

Applications are now open for surplus seat Student Travel Passes for the 2026/2027 academic year. Please read the following terms and conditions carefully before submitting an application.

1. Pass Details

- The Student Travel Pass is valid from 1 September 2026 to 31 July 2027.
 - The annual cost is £1,118 if paid in full or £1,190 if paid in two instalments of £595 each.
 - Submission of an application constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
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2. Applications

- Applications are processed strictly in the order received.
 - All sixth form students wishing to travel during the 2026/2027 academic year must apply (or reapply), including students who travelled during the previous school year.
 - Applications must be submitted by 20 August 2026.
 - South West Coaches has limited capacity for sixth form students. Seats are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and no seat is guaranteed.
 - Additional vehicles will not be provided to accommodate demand, although every effort will be made to use the largest suitable vehicle available.
 - Surplus seats will only be allocated after all entitled students have been allocated transport.
 - If additional entitled students subsequently require transport on a full route, surplus seats may be withdrawn in reverse order of application date.
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3. Seat Allocation and Waiting Lists

- **Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified during the week commencing 24 August 2026*.**
 - **Notification will be sent by email wherever possible, or by post.**
 - **Unsuccessful applicants will automatically be placed on a waiting list in the order their application was received.**
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4. Payment Options

Full Payment

- **£1,118 payable in one payment.**

Instalment Payment

- **Total cost: £1,190.**
- **First instalment of £595 due by 28 August 2026.**
- **Second instalment of £595 due by 23 October 2026.**

If payment is not received by the due dates, the pass will become void and travel will be refused until payment is made in full. No deduction will be made for any travel missed due to late payment.

5. Mid-Year Passes and Refunds

Mid-Year Pass Charges

- **1 September – 31 December 2026: £1,190**
- **1 January – 25 March 2027: £775**
- **From 12 April 2027: £540**

All mid-year passes must be paid for in full before issue.

Refunds

- **A full refund will be issued if a seat is cancelled before 28 August 2026.**
 - **No refunds will be available after this date or for passes cancelled during the school year.**
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6. Using Your Pass

- **Passes must be shown each time a student boards the vehicle.**
 - **Passes are valid only for the named student and specified route.**
 - **Replacement passes for lost, stolen or damaged passes cost £20.**
 - **Students travelling without a pass in the morning will be transported to school but must obtain a temporary seven-day pass before travelling home.**
 - **Replacement passes should be requested as soon as possible, as temporary passes are valid for seven days only.**
 - **For Dorset Council-issued passes on registered service routes, travel may continue on payment of the normal fare until a replacement pass is obtained.**
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7. Route Changes and Route Information

- **If a change of address requires travel on a different route, seat availability cannot be guaranteed and a waiting list may apply.**
 - **An administration fee of £25 applies for route changes.**
 - **Passes for GL and GR school routes must be obtained directly from South West Coaches.**
 - **Passes for G800, G801 and G802 services are issued by Gryphon School and enquiries should be directed to the school.**
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8. General Conditions

- **Payments can be made by Debit Card or Credit Card (telephone payments accepted).**
- **The pass remains the property of South West Coaches and is not transferable.**
- **A pass may be withdrawn if:**
 - **It is used improperly.**
 - **Payment terms are not met.**
 - **The holder behaves in a manner that endangers others.**
 - **A vehicle is damaged through negligence or malicious behaviour.**
 - **A driver is subjected to verbal or physical abuse.**

- **Withdrawal is requested by the school or Dorset Council.**

*** Notification dates may be subject to change depending on operational requirements and the receipt of transport data from Dorset Council.**