

School Transport Data

This document provides a summary of school transport data for services provided by Shropshire Council. Passenger and route data is shown by academic year, while financial data is shown separately by financial year. Summary tables are provided first, followed by the detailed data for each academic year.

Please note that we do not publish details of costs on individual winning contracts as we believe this information falls within exemption S43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Commercial Interests. Section 43(2) of The Act provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

The term 'commercial interests' is not defined in the Act; however, the Information Commissioner's Office awareness guidance on the application of Section 43, comments that: "...a commercial interest relates to a person's ability to participate competitively in a commercial activity, i.e. the purchase and sale of goods or services." The withheld information in this case is the amount paid to the contractor/supplier/provider for services they provide. This information is therefore considered to be commercial in nature as it relates to the "purchase" of services.

In determining whether it serves the interests of the public better to withhold or to disclose the information, we believe that disclosure of detailed information of this nature is more likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Council than benefit the public by its disclosure. The Council feels that disclosure of this information could impact on its ability to secure favourable rates for this type of service in the future. It is therefore our view that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Summary Tables

This section provides a summary of passenger totals and route totals by academic year; financial data is shown separately by financial year.

Mainstream passenger totals by academic year

Academic year	Total pupils	Primary	Secondary	Post-16	Dedicated vehicle	Bus pass	Parental mileage
2022/23	5,277	987	4,222	68	4,917	299	61
2023/24	5,320	970	4,287	63	4,965	295	60
2024/25	5,322	935	4,356	31	4,995	258	69

SEND passenger totals by academic year

Academic year	Total pupils	Nursery	Ages 5–16	Tuition	Post-16	Post-19	Personal travel budget / expenses	Taxi / minibus	Single occupancy
2022/23	1,002	3	782	151	55	11	164	838	96
2023/24	1,084	2	810	143	111	18	170	914	132
2024/25	1,173	0	875	120	149	29	246	927	129

Route totals by academic year (mainstream and SEND)

Academic year	Mainstream contracted routes	Mainstream taxi routes	Mainstream minibus / coach routes	SEND taxi / minibus routes
2022/23	278	118	160	838
2023/24	279	119	160	914
2024/25	277	124	153	927

Note: The SEND figures shown in the route totals table reflect pupils provided with taxi / minibus transport. Single occupancy figures are shown separately for reference in the SEND passenger totals table and are not included in the SEND total.

Financial Summary

This table summarises home-to-school transport spend by financial year.

Category	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Mainstream primary	£2,276,676	£2,375,130	£2,668,113
Mainstream secondary	£4,913,062	£5,230,492	£6,379,651
Mainstream post 16	£171,369	£64,403	£52,193
Mainstream exclusion	£117,059	£84,758	£88,963
SEND nursery	£26,906	£24,324	£6,157
SEND 5–16	£4,478,581	£5,274,562	£7,053,033
SEND post 16	£547,019	£898,746	£1,325,219
SEND post 19	£148,415	£184,316	£239,008
Fleet transport	£1,031,207	£1,035,909	£1,061,412
SEND tuition	£859,165	£663,349	£504,185

2022/2023 – Academic Year

Total Number of Mainstream Pupils: 5,277

Primary: 987

Secondary: 4,222

Post 16: 68

Extended Rights: 97

Unsafe Walking Routes: 515

Excluded: 27

Pupil mode of transport – Mainstream:

- Dedicated School Contract Vehicle: 4,917
- Pass for Public Bus: 299
- Parental Mileage: 61

Total Contracted Services: 278

- Total Taxi Contracts: 118
- Total Minibus/Coach Contracts: 160

Total Number of SEND Pupils: 1,002

Nursery: 3

5 – 16: 782

Tuition: 151

Post 16: 55

Post 19: 11

Pupil mode of transport – SEND:

- Provided with Personal Travel Budget or expenses: 164
- Provided taxi/minibus transport: 838
- Single Occupancy: 96

2023/2024 – Academic Year

Total Number of Mainstream Pupils: 5,320

Primary: 970

Secondary: 4,287

Post 16: 63

Extended Rights: 120

Unsafe Walking Routes: 589

Excluded: 35

Pupil mode of transport – Mainstream:

- Dedicated School Contract Vehicle: 4,965
- Pass for Public Bus: 295
- Parental Mileage: 60

Total Contracted Services: 279

- Total Taxi Contracts: 119
- Total Minibus/Coach Contracts: 160

Total Number of SEND Pupils: 1,084

Nursery: 2

5 – 16: 810

Tuition: 143

Post 16: 111

Post 19: 18

Pupil mode of transport – SEND:

- Provided with Personal Travel Budget or expenses: 170
- Provided taxi/minibus transport: 914
- Single Occupancy: 132

2024/2025 – Academic Year

Total Number of Mainstream Pupils: 5,322

Primary: 935

Secondary: 4,356

Post 16: 31

Extended Rights: 129

Unsafe Walking Routes: 596

Excluded: 30

Pupil mode of transport – Mainstream:

- Dedicated School Contract Vehicle: 4,995
- Pass for Public Bus: 258
- Parental Mileage: 69

Total Contracted Services: 277

- Total Taxi Contracts: 124
- Total Minibus/Coach Contracts: 153

Total Number of SEND Pupils: 1,173

Nursery: 0

5 – 16: 875

Tuition: 120

Post 16: 149

Post 19: 29

Pupil mode of transport – SEND:

- Provided with Personal Travel Budget or expenses: 246
- Provided taxi/minibus transport: 927
- Single Occupancy: 129

Home-to-school transport spend (financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25)

Home-to-school transport – Mainstream primary

2022/23	£2,276,676
2023/24	£2,375,130
2024/25	£2,668,113

Home-to-school transport – Mainstream secondary

2022/23	£4,913,062
2023/24	£5,230,492
2024/25	£6,379,651

Home-to-school transport – Mainstream post 16

2022/23	£171,369
2023/24	£64,403
2024/25	£52,193

Home-to-school transport – Mainstream exclusion

2022/23	£117,059
2023/24	£84,758
2024/25	£88,963

Home-to-school transport – SEND nursery

2022/23	£26,906
2023/24	£24,324
2024/25	£6,157

Home-to-school transport – SEND 5–16

2022/23	£4,478,581
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2023/24	£5,274,562
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2024/25	£7,053,033
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Home-to-school transport – SEND post 16

2022/23	£547,019
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2023/24	£898,746
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2024/25	£1,325,219
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Home-to-school transport – SEND post 19

2022/23	£148,415
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2023/24	£184,316
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2024/25	£239,008
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Fleet transport – Children’s Services

2022/23	£1,031,207
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2023/24	£1,035,909
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2024/25	£1,061,412
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Home-to-school transport – SEND tuition services

2022/23	£859,165
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2023/24	£663,349
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2024/25	£504,185
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