

The Cost of Transport to Groby Community College?



We receive many queries from parents questioning why transport to the college costs so much, in comparison, for example, to a pass for a local bus company covering many different routes and services, as well as evening and weekend travel.

We have to include the following considerations in our charging structure:

- The charge for a fare paying place on a Leicestershire County Council service for 2014-15 is £450.
- All school services are required at peak demand times and when availability of coaches is therefore limited, so coach providers can charge a premium rate.
- The service is a customised provision, delivering students directly on to site and not just to the nearest village bus stop.
- The collection point for students is on campus, rather than the student having to walk to the nearest bus stop.
- As a College, we are not legally obliged to provide transport for students, but we aim to support parents/carers of students who may live in areas out of our regular catchment areas, or live in areas where they are too close to the college to qualify for free transport.
- The responsibility of transport at all times remains with parents/carers, however we arrange additional services to provide parents with an alternative provision for their child, which is both safe and convenient.