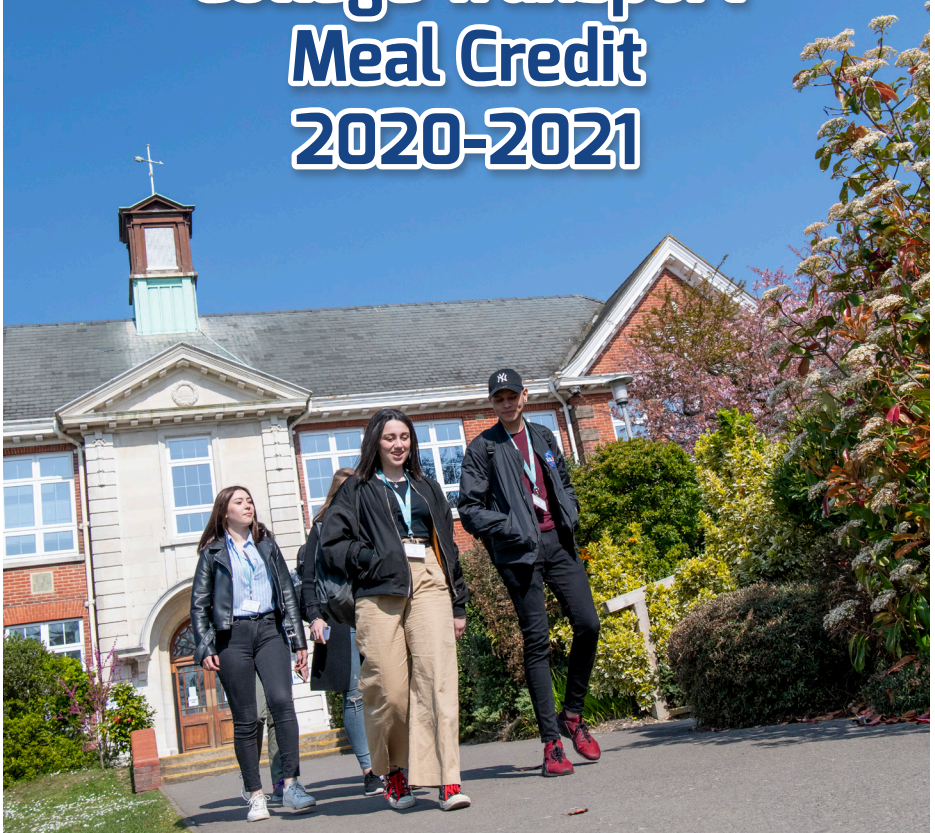


# Itchen Financial Support College Transport Meal Credit 2020-2021



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# Itchen Financial Support

Itchen Financial Support (IFS) is a tiered, means-tested support arrangement based on your household income.

## Tier A

Parent/Guardian's household annual income is less than £16,190. This support is to help with:

- Travel to and from college (contract buses and Bluestar termly passes)
- Course materials/resources (see our online shop for a list to order from)
- Essential college trips
- £4 per day to spend on food in the college shop

## Tier B

Parent/Guardian's household annual income is less than £25,000. This support is to help with:

- Travel to and from college (contract buses and Bluestar termly passes)
- Course materials/resources (see our online shop for a list to order from)
- Essential college trips

## Tier C

Parent/Guardian's household annual income is less than £30,000. This support is to help with:

- Travel to and from college (contract buses and Bluestar termly passes).

## Tier F

Tier F (Full Bursary) is available for students in the following categories:

- Young person in care
- Care leavers
- Young person claiming Income Support in their own name
- Young person claiming Universal Credit in their own name
- Disabled young person who receives both Employment Support Allowance and Living Allowance in their own name.

In addition to receiving support, the student will receive a weekly payment of £40 for 30 weeks, provided their overall attendance is 90% or above.

## How to apply

1. Collect an application form from Student Services (W29).
2. Complete your personal details and tick the tier which applies to you. Remember to enclose your relevant evidence with the application form.
3. Return your completed application form, with evidence, to Student Services ASAP and certainly before Friday 31 July 2020.

**Note:** Application forms cannot be processed without relevant evidence of your household annual income. Please refer to the application form and email [transportandifs@itchen.ac.uk](mailto:transportandifs@itchen.ac.uk) with any queries.

# College Transport

At Itchen, we are able to enrol students from all over Southampton and Southern Hampshire thanks to our contract bus service.

To view detailed routes and times, please visit [www.itchen.ac.uk](http://www.itchen.ac.uk) or visit Student Services.

191: Bishops Waltham/Fair Oak/  
Botley/Hedge End

192: Whiteley/Park Gate/  
Sarisbury Green

193: Gosport/Lee-on-the-Solent/  
Stubbington

194: Bishopstoke/Eastleigh/  
Chandlers Ford/West End

195: Portchester/Fareham/  
Titchfield/Locks Heath/Warsash

196: Hamble/Netley/Weston  
Parade/Sholing

197: Romsey/Baddesley/Chilworth/  
Swaythling/Portswood

190: this is a separate fee-paying service allowing students on the 192, 193 and 195 routes to get into college for a later start (10.45am) and be picked up earlier in the afternoon.

Bus passes will need to be shown on every route and on every journey you make. Buses will stop on the published route, but you must be sure to flag your bus down. This will make it clear to the bus driver that you want the bus to stop, otherwise it will not stop. We advise that you arrive at the bus stop at least 5-10 minutes before your bus is due, as times will vary slightly due to traffic.

All transport-related messages to students are published on the Itchen Transport (@ItchenTransport) Twitter account. You can also track your bus using the free 'Rygo' app. Itchen Sixth Form College will do their best to keep students informed about delays or changes due to traffic or other incidents.

Our contract bus service for 2019-2020 is £399 for the year, or £425 if payment is made after the first day of teaching.

**Note: Your bus pass will be issued once payment has been processed.**

## How to apply

1. Collect an application form from Student Services.
2. Complete your personal details, tick the bus route which applies to you, and choose the relevant payment method.
3. For payments being made via Itchen Financial Support (IFS), please return your application form with evidence ASAP, and before Friday 31 July 2020, so that your bus pass can be issued at enrolment.
4. If you're not paying through IFS, please see overleaf for payment methods. Make sure you return your completed application form to Student Services before Friday 31 July 2020. Please email [transportandifs@itchen.ac.uk](mailto:transportandifs@itchen.ac.uk) with any queries.

## Online Payments

Pay for your bus pass online at [www.payments.itchen.ac.uk](http://www.payments.itchen.ac.uk)

Select 'Online Shop' and 'College Items', then follow the instructions on screen. Please select SAGEpay when making your payment at the checkout and do this by Friday 31 July 2020 in order to receive your bus pass at enrolment.

## Bank Transfer

Direct bank payments can be made using the following details:

Lloyds Bank  
Sort Code: 30-90-86  
Account Number: 00748230  
Please quote reference: BUS/  
"student name"/ "bus number"

## Cash and Card Payments

We much prefer online payments, however cash and card payments can be made at enrolment if this is more convenient for you.

## Bluestar Bus Passes

This year we are working alongside Bluestar to help provide an easier service. Our students can now apply and collect their termly Bluestar cards directly from Student Services:

1. Collect an application form from Student Services.
2. Complete your personal details, tick the Bluestar section which applies to you and choose the relevant payment method.
3. For payments being made through Itchen Financial Support, you must provide the relevant evidence with your application form in order for your bus pass to be ordered.
4. For students not paying through Itchen Financial Support, please pay by using one of the methods outlined above.
5. Return your application form, along with any relevant paperwork or payment, to

## Meal Credit

The provision for students who qualify for free college meals has been extended to those in further education aged 16-19 and to students aged 19-25 subject to a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) or those on an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC).

If you feel that you may be eligible, you can apply directly through the free college meals checking service at [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/fe-apply](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/fe-apply). If you would prefer Itchen to apply on your behalf, an application form is available to collect from Student Services.