

Itchen Financial Support College Transport Meal Credit 2022-2023



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Itchen Financial Support

Itchen Financial Support (IFS) is a tiered, means-tested support arrangement based on your household income. Please be aware that a parental contribution to transport costs will probably be required. Support will be calculated on an individual basis, according to financial circumstances and the availability of government funds. Please note that application for Free College Meals must be made separately through Hampshire County Council Portal.

Tier A

Parent/Guardian's household annual income is less than £18,525. This support is to help with:

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

Tier B

Parent/Guardian's household annual income is less than £26,000. This support is to help with:

- Travel to and from college (contract buses and Bluestar termly passes)
- Essential 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 during term time of £20 for 30 weeks, provided their weekly attendance is 90% or above.

How to apply

1. Collect an application form from Finance Department.
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 the Finance Department ASAP and certainly before Friday 22nd July 2022.

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 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 or the Xelabus website.

- 191: Bishops Waltham/Fair Oak/
Botley/Hedge End
- 192: Whiteley/Park Gate/
Sarisbury Green
- 193: Gosport/Lee-on-the-Solent/
Stubington
- 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/Portsmouth

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.

We will do our best to keep students informed about delays or changes due to traffic or other incidents.

Our contract bus service for 2022-2023 is £450 for the year. An additional late payment fee of £25 is applied if payment is made after the first day of teaching in September (bringing the total fee to £475).

Note: Your bus pass will be issued once payment and application form have been processed.

How to apply

1. Collect an application form from the Finance Department.
2. Complete your personal details, tick the bus route which applies to you, and choose the relevant payment method.
3. For part payment support being made via Itchen Financial Support (IFS), please return your application form with evidence ASAP, and before Friday 22nd July 2022, so that your bus pass can be issued at enrolment.
4. If you're not being supported through IFS, please see overleaf for payment methods. Make sure you return your completed application form to the Finance Department before Friday 22nd July 2022. Please email transportandifs@itchen.ac.uk with any queries.

Online Payments

Pay for your bus pass online at 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 22nd July 2022 in order to receive your bus pass at enrolment.

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.

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"

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 (EHCP).

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. If you would prefer Itchen to apply on your behalf, an application form is available to collect from the Finance Department.

If an application for Free College Meals is successful, the student will receive £4.00 daily to spend on food at the college shop. (daily spend cannot be rolled over to the following day).

