



An Roinn Oideachais  
Department of Education

Please see an update below in respect of the School Transport Scheme, which contains important information on closing dates. I would be grateful if you could circulate to families who may use school transport for their information.

The Bus Éireann portal is open for applications for school transport for the 2023/24 school year.

**Information for families regarding School Transport Application  
Process for 2023/24 School Year  
Applications for the 2023/24 school year**

**Important dates**

**New Applicants:** The closing date for new applications is **Friday 28 April 2023**. New applications made after this deadline **date will be deemed late and families are not guaranteed a ticket**.

Bus Éireann will contact all existing applicants via email directly, and a wider media campaign is now underway. Further information is available on [www.gov.ie/schooltransport](http://www.gov.ie/schooltransport) and [buseireann.ie/schooltransport](http://buseireann.ie/schooltransport).

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**Information for families regarding School Transport Application Process for 2023/24 School Year**

Families are asked to note that the closing date for payment/registering medical cards has been brought forward so that Bus Éireann can process applications, arrange transport and issue tickets to families as soon as possible for the 2023/24 school year.

**1. New Applicants – Apply By 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

The Bus Éireann family portal is now open for new applications for school transport services for the 2023/24 school year. New applications are considered as:

- **pupils who will be attending junior infants in primary school or first year in post primary school for the first time in 2023.**
- **pupils that may move home address or will be attending a new school in the 2023/24 school year**

Applications can be made by visiting [www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport](http://www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport)

The closing date for new applications is **Friday 28 April 2023**. Any new applications made after the closing date are **considered late applications and families are not guaranteed a ticket.**

## **2. All Applicants- payment/enter medical card details – closing date 9 June 2023**

The Bus Éireann family portal will be open to accept payments/medical card details from the **3 April 2023 until the 9 June 2023**. Payments made after the deadline date **will be deemed late and families are not guaranteed a Ticket.**

Payments/medical card details must be submitted for:

- new applicants, and;
- pupils who have previously applied/availed of school transport and require a seat on a service for the 23/24 school year.

Children (who are eligible for school transport) and who possess valid medical cards (GMS Scheme) are exempt from paying the annual charge however, their medical card details must be submitted to Bus Éireann. Bus Éireann will accept medical card details from 3 **April 2023 until 9 June 2023**. Medical card details received after 9 of June deadline are considered late.

**Families are strongly urged to make sure that they pay/enter valid medical card details on or before the deadline of 9 of June 2023.**

The Annual Charge for School Transport Services for the 2023/24 school year is set out below:

<b><u>Category of pupil</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Charge</u></b>
<b>Primary Eligible/ Concessionary pupil</b>	€50
<b>Post primary Eligible/ Concessionary pupil</b>	€75
<b>Maximum annual charge for families</b>	€125

## **3. Eligibility Criteria**

**The eligibility criteria for School Transport for the 2023/24 school year is as follows:**

- Children are eligible for transport at primary level where they reside not less than 3.2 kilometres from and are attending their nearest national school, and at post-primary level where they reside not less than 4.8 kilometres from and are attending their nearest post-primary school/education centre as determined by the department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.
- Children who are eligible for school transport and who have completed the application and payment process on time will be accommodated on school transport services where such services are in operation.

- Children who are not eligible for school transport, but who complete the application and payment process on time, will be considered for spare seats that may exist after eligible children have been facilitated; such seats are referred to as concessionary seats.
- Because of the nature of concessionary transport for non-eligible children and the priority of providing places for eligible children, there may be an excess of demand over supply for concessionary places, in these cases Bus Éireann will allocate tickets for spare seats using an agreed selection process.
- In addition, temporary alleviation measures will continue for the 2023/24 school year, pending completion of the school transport scheme review. This means that transport will be provided where such services are in operation for post-primary pupils who are eligible for transport to their nearest school and are attending their second nearest school and who apply and pay on time.

#### 4. Pupils from Ukraine

Pupils from Ukraine who require school transport should **not** apply on the Bus Éireann family portal but should visit [gov.ie/ukraine](http://gov.ie/ukraine) for details on how to apply. Please note that any pupils from Ukraine who are currently on school transport do not need to re-apply for the 2023/24 school year unless they have changed address or school.



Féach nuashonrú thíos maidir leis an Scéim Iompar Scoile, ina bhfuil eolas tábhachtach ar fáil maidir le spriocdhátaí. Bheinn buíoch díot dá bhféadfá é a scaipeadh ar an teaghlaigh eolas dóibh.

Tá tairseach Bhus Éireann ar oscailt d'iarratais d'iompar scoile don scoilbhliain 2023/24.

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#### Dátaí tábhachtacha

**Iarratasóirí nua:** Is é an spriocdháta d'iarratais nua ná **Dé hAoine 28 Aibreán 2023**. Measfar iarratais a dhéantar **i ndiaidh an spriocdháta seo a bheith déanach agus ní rathaítear ticéad do theaghlaigh.**

Déanfaidh Bus Éireann teagmháil go díreach trí ríomhphost le gach iarratasóir atá ann cheana, agus tá feachtas meán níos leithne ag tarlú anois.

## Faisnéis do theaghlaigh maidir leis an bPróiseas Iarratais ar Iompar Scoile don Scoilbhliain 2023/24

Iarrtar ar theaghlaigh a thabhairt faoi deara gur tugadh ar aghaidh an dáta deiridh le haghaidh íocaíocht a dhéanamh/cártaí liachta a chlárú ionas gur féidir le Bus Éireann iarratais a phróiseáil, iompar a eagrú agus ticéid a eisiúint chuig teaghlaigh a luaithe is féidir don scoilbhliain 2023/24.

### **5. IARRATASÓIRÍ NUA – DÉANAIGÍ IARRATAS FAOIN 28 AIBREÁN 2023**

Tá tairseach teaghlaigh Bhus Éireann ar oscailt anois le haghaidh iarratais nua ar sheirbhísí iompair scoile don scoilbhliain 2023/24. Meastar iarratais nua a bheith mar a leanas:

- **Daltaí a bheidh ag freastal ar rang na naíonán sóisearach sa Bhunscoil nó ar an gcéad bhliain san Iar-bhunscoil den chéad uair riamh sa bhliain 2023.**
- **Daltaí a d'fhéadfadh seoladh baile a athrú nó a bheidh ag freastal ar scoil nua sa scoilbhliain 2023/24**

Is féidir iarratais a dhéanamh trí chuairt a thabhairt ar [www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport](http://www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport)

Is é **an Aoine an 28 Aibreán 2023** an dáta deiridh ar a nglacfar le hiarratais nua. Measfar iarratais a dhéantar i ndiaidh an spriocdháta seo a bheith déanach agus ní rathaítear ticéad do theaghlaigh.

### **6. GACH IARRATASÓIR – ÍOCAÍOCHT A DHÉANAMH/MIONSONRAÍ CÁRTA LIACHTA A IONTRÁIL – IS É AN 9 MEITHEAMH 2023 AN DÁTA DEIRIDH**

Beidh tairseach teaghlaigh Bhus Éireann ar oscailt chun glacadh le híocaíochtaí/le mionsonraí cárta liachta ón **3 Aibreán 2023 go dtí an 9 Meitheamh 2023**. Aon íocaíochtaí a dhéanfar tar éis an spriocdháta, **measfar iad a bheith déanach agus níl sé cinnte go bhfaighidh teaghlaigh suíochán ag an gcéim sin.**

Ní mór íocaíochtaí/mionsonraí cárta liachta a chur isteach lena n-aghaidh seo a leanas:

- iarratasóirí nua, agus;
- daltaí a rinne iarratas ar iompar scoile roimhe seo/a bhain leas as iompar scoile roimhe seo agus a dteastaíonn suíochán ar sheirbhís uathu don scoilbhliain 23/24.

Tá leanaí (atá incháilithe le haghaidh iompar scoile) a bhfuil cárta liachta bailí acu (an Scéim um Sheirbhísí Liachta Ginearálta) díolmhaithe ón muirear bliantúil a íoc. Ní mór a mionsonraí cárta liachta a chur faoi bhráid Bhus Éireann, áfach. Glacfaidh Bus Éireann le mionsonraí cárta liachta ón **3 Aibreán 2023 go dtí an 9 Meitheamh 2023**. Mionsonraí cárta liachta a gheofar tar éis spriocdháta an 9 Meitheamh, measfar iad a bheith déanach.

**Moltar go mór do theaghlaigh a chinntiú go ndéanfaidh siad íocaíocht/go n-iontrálfaidh siad mionsonraí cárta liachta bhailí roimh spriocdháta an 9 Meitheamh 2023 nó ar an dáta sin.**

Tá an Muirear Bliantúil le haghaidh Seirbhísí Iompair Scoile don scoilbhliain 2023/24 leagtha amach thíos:

<b><u>Catagóir Dalta</u></b>	<b><u>Muirear Bliantúil</u></b>
<b>Bunscoil Dalta Incháilithe/Lamháitais</b>	€50

Iar-bhunscoil Dalta Incháilithe/Lamháltais	€75
Uasmhuirear bliantúil do theaghlaigh	€125

## 7. Critéir Incháilitheachta

### Is mar a leanas atá na critéir incháilitheachta le haghaidh iompar Scoile don scoilbhliain 2023/24:

- Beidh leanaí incháilithe le haghaidh iompair ar an leibhéal bunscoile i gcás go gcónaíonn siad fad nach lú ná 3.2 ciliméadar ón scoil náisiúnta is cóngaraí dóibh agus go bhfuil siad ag freastal ar an scoil sin, agus beidh leanaí incháilithe le haghaidh iompair ar an leibhéal iar-bhunscoile i gcás go gcónaíonn siad fad nach lú ná 4.8 ciliméadar ón iar-bhunscoil/ionad oideachais is cóngaraí dóibh mar a bheidh cinnte ag an Roinn/ag Bus Éireann, agus aird á tabhairt ar éiteas agus ar theanga, agus go bhfuil siad ag freastal ar an iar-bhunscoil/ionad oideachais sin.
- Leanaí atá incháilithe le haghaidh iompar scoile agus a chuireann an próiseas iarratais agus íocaíochta i gcrích in am, freastalófar orthu ar sheirbhísí iompair scoile i gcás go mbeidh seirbhísí den sórt sin i mbun oibre.
- Leanaí nach bhfuil incháilithe le haghaidh iompar scoile ach a chuireann an próiseas iarratais agus íocaíochta i gcrích in am, breithneofar iad le haghaidh suíocháin spártha a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann tar éis freastal ar leanaí incháilithe; tugtar 'suíocháin lamháltais' ar shuíocháin den sórt sin.
- Mar gheall ar chineál an iompair lamháltais do leanaí neamh-incháilithe agus ar an tosaíocht d'áiteanna a sholáthar do leanaí incháilithe, is féidir go mbeidh an t-éileamh ar áiteanna lamháltais níos mó ná an soláthar. Sna cásanna sin, leithdháilfidh Bus Éireann ticéid le haghaidh suíocháin spártha trí phróiseas roghnúcháin comhaontaithe a úsáid.
- De bhreis air sin, leanfar de bhearta sealadacha maolaithe don scoilbhliain 2023/24, go dtí go gcuirfear an t-athbhreithniú ar an scéim iompair scoile i gcrích. Mar thoradh air sin, soláthrófar iompar i gcás go mbeidh seirbhísí den sórt sin i mbun oibre le haghaidh daltaí iar-bhunscoile atá incháilithe le haghaidh iompair chuig an scoil is cóngaraí dóibh agus atá ag freastal ar an dara scoil is cóngaraí dóibh agus a dhéanann iarratas agus íocaíocht in am.

## 8. Daltaí ón Úcráin

**Níor** cheart do dhaltaí ón Úcráin a dteastaíonn iompar scoile uathu iarratas a dhéanamh trí thairseach teaghlaigh Bhus Éireann. Ina ionad sin, ba cheart dóibh cuairt a thabhairt ar [gov.ie/ukraine](http://gov.ie/ukraine) chun mionsonraí a fháil faoi conas iarratas a dhéanamh. Tabhair faoi deara nach gcaithfidh aon daltaí ón Úcráin atá ar iompar scoile faoi láthair athiarratas a dhéanamh don scoilbhliain 2023/24 mura bhfuil a seoladh nó a scoil athraithe acu.