

## School Transport Applications – 2026/2027

The School Transport Scheme, operated by Bus Éireann on behalf of the Department of Education and Youth, will open on **Friday 27 March** for applications and payments. The closing date for payments is **Friday, 8 May 2026** and a full media campaign will begin shortly.

### Ukraine/IPAS applications

In order to fully integrate all pupils using mainstream school transport, all pupils who have arrived in Ireland from Ukraine and all pupils residing in IPAS/EROOC centres will be required to apply for mainstream school transport by the deadline date of 8 May also. This will mean that all families, living in accommodation centres, IPAS centres, modular homes, with host families, and living independently, should now apply on the Bus Éireann family portal. Failure to apply and pay or enter medical card details will mean that a ticket will not be offered.

### Ticket Prices for 2026/2027

A 2024 review of the School Transport Scheme found that having a fee helps use resources more effectively and prevents bus seats from going unused, helping to protect and sustain the scheme for all families who needs it. The review recommended that families using the mainstream scheme should contribute a fee to help protect and sustain the service for all who depend on it. The Government has announced that school transport ticket prices for 2026/27 school year are as follows:

- **Primary:** €100 per child (maximum family charge €200)
- **Post-primary:** €100 per child (maximum family charge €220)

This is equivalent to:

- **55c per day** for primary school pupils
- **60c per day** for post-primary- pupils

No family will pay more than **€1.32c per day** in total, regardless of how many children use the service. A **facility to pay in instalments** is now available to families.

School transport will continue to be **free** for:

- All eligible families with a **medical card**, and
- All eligible children using the **Special Educational Needs (SEN) transport scheme**

### Further Information

Further information is available at:

[Information for parents:](#)

[Information for Ukrainian and IPAS applicants](#)

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**Yours sincerely,**

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A Phríomhoide, a chara,

Bheimis buíoch dá bhféadfá an t-eolas seo a leanas a roinnt le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí maidir leis an Scéim Iompair Scoile don scoilbhliain 2026/2027. Féach ar an ngrafaic meán sóisialta atá ceangailte leis seo chun cabhrú leis an scaipeadh.

### **Iarratais Iompair Scoile – 2026/2027**

Osclófar an Scéim Iompair Scoile, atá á reáchtáil ag Bus Éireann thar ceann na Roinne Oideachais agus Óige, **Dé hAoine, an 27 Márta** le haghaidh iarratas agus íocaíochtaí. Is é **Dé hAoine, an 8 Bealtaine 2026** an dáta deiridh le haghaidh íocaíochtaí agus cuirfear tús le feachtas iomlán sna meáin go luath.

### **Iarratais na hÚcráine/IPAS**

Chun na daltaí go léir a úsáideann iompar scoile príomhshrutha a imeascadh go hiomlán, beidh ar na daltaí go léir atá tagtha go hÉirinn ón Úcráin agus ar na daltaí go léir atá ina gcónaí in ionaid IPAS/EROIC iarratas a dhéanamh ar iompar scoile

príomhshrutha faoin spriocdháta den 8 Bealtaine freisin. Ciallaíonn sé sin gur cheart do na teaghlaigh go léir, atá ag cur fúthu in ionaid lóistín, ionaid IPAS, tithe modúlacha, le teaghlaigh óstaigh, agus atá ina gcónaí go neamhspleách, iarratas a dhéanamh anois ar thairseach teaghlaigh Bhus Éireann. Mura ndéantar iarratas agus íocaíocht nó mura gcuirtear sonraí cárta leighis isteach, ní chuirfead ticéad ar fáil.

### **Praghsanna na dTicéad do 2026/2027**

In athbhreithniú ar an Scéim Iompair Scoile a rinneadh in 2024, fuarthas amach go gcabhraíonn táille le hacmhainní a úsáid níos éifeachtaí agus go gcoisceann sí suíocháin bus ó bheith gan úsáid, rud a chabhraíonn leis an scéim a chosaint agus a chothú do gach teaghlach a bhfuil gá acu léi. Moladh san athbhreithniú go n-íocfadh teaghlaigh a úsáideann an scéim príomhshrutha táille chun cabhrú leis an tseirbhís a chosaint agus a chothú do gach duine a bhraitheann uirthi. D'fhógair an Rialtas gurb iad seo a leanas praghsanna na dticéad don iompar scoile don scoilbhliain 2026/27:

- **Bunscoileanna:** €100 in aghaidh an linbh (táille uasta do theaghlach €200)
- **Iar-bhunscoileanna:** €100 in aghaidh an linbh (táille uasta do theaghlach €220)

Is ionann sin agus:

- 55c in aghaidh an lae do dhaltáí bunscoile
- 60c in aghaidh an lae do dhaltáí iar-bhunscoile

Ní íocfaidh aon teaghlach níos mó ná **€1.32c in aghaidh an lae** san iomlán, beag beann ar líon na leanaí a úsáideann an tseirbhís. Tá **áis** ann anois do theaghlaigh **íoc i dtráthchodanna**.

Leanfaidh iompar scoile de bheith **saor in aisce** do:

- Gach teaghlach incháilithe a bhfuil **cárta leighis** acu, agus
- Gach leanbh incháilithe a úsáideann an **scéim iompair um Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais (RSO)**

### **Tuilleadh Eolais**

Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag:

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**Is mise, le meas,**

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Príomhoifigeach

Oibríochtaí Iompair Scoile