

APPENDIX 3**WELSH LOCAL AUTHORITIES – POST 16 TRANSPORT PROVISION (as at 081118)**

AUTHORITY	POLICY	COMMENTS
Blaenau Gwent	£150pa.	Discounted bus ticket or travel grant to the Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone, Ebbw Vale Campus as their designated Post 16 provider or the nearest institution where their course is available subject to distance and course criteria. Students required to contribute £50 each term towards the cost of the discounted bus ticket .
Bridgend	Free – 3 miles.	Non qualifiers could purchase seat - £360 per annum
Caerphilly	Free- 2 miles	
Cardiff	No free transport	Withdrawn from Sept 2016. Concessionary seat £100/term.
Ceredigion	Free – 3 miles	
Carmarthenshire	Free – 3 miles	
Conwy	Under review	Conwy Cabinet Oct 2018 agreed a charge of £80 per term but to review the “safety net” for those in receipt of fsm and EMA before implementing the charge.
Denbighshire	Free – 3 miles	
Flintshire	Free – 3 miles	Free to named sites – post 16 establishments
Gwynedd	£300pa	3 termly payments: £120, £120, £60.
Merthyr Tydfil	Under review	Decision on providing free transport to Welsh Medium and Faith Schools only deferred 27.06.18.
Monmouthshire	£440pa	£220 if on fsm. VA Catholic school pay costs for their students
Neath & Port Talbot	£100pa	Except Statements. Delegates responsibility to transport to Neath Port Talbot college
Newport	£150pa	Travel grant £150 pa and £370 charge for contracted school transport
Pembrokeshire	Free – 3 miles	
Powys	Free – 3 miles	
Rhondda Cynon Taff	Free – 2 miles	

Swansea	Free – 3 miles	Delegates funding to 2 colleges
Torfaen	Travel grant	Travel grant of £48 per term. Season ticket for low income families
Vale of Glamorgan	Free – 3 miles	
Wrexham	No free transport	Withdrawn from Sept 2016
Ynys Mon	No free transport	Can purchase vacant seat - £60pa

*Merthyr Council deferred a decision on restricting post 16 transport to their local College, Welsh Medium and Faith only – ie no transport to other schools/colleges. Queried how this could even be considered given potential challenge on equality/discrimination grounds. Comments from Transport Manager, Merthyr:

“Council deferred as they were looking at the opportunity of the College in Merthyr Tydfil “mopping up” a number of courses that we bus learners to out of county. In relation to equality we are continuing with Welsh to meet our obligations to promote Welsh learning and we have continued Faith as we do so for mainstream. We mention potential equality challenge in the business case but ultimately be down to members to judge”