

An introduction to School buses and concessionary fares for students in Greater Manchester

Passengers can pay a fare to the driver for each journey shown on this timetable. However, students will need to show an IGO pass to travel at the concessionary (reduced) fare. If students do not have an IGO pass, they will have to pay a higher fare.

Most of the journeys shown in this timetable are funded by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM). The majority of TfGM funded services charge a standard fare and also offer daily return tickets. In some cases, the return ticket can also be used for travel on other journeys which serve similar areas – even if it is provided by a different operator. On most services, students can also buy a weekly scholar's ticket, which costs £7.30. These are ONLY valid on schooldays on school buses and are available from the bus driver on all services where they are applicable. To help the driver, please try to have the correct fare when buying your ticket.

A summary of fares and ticketing information on all school services included in this timetable can be found at <https://www.tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-school-bus-services>

There are also a small number of TfGM funded services where the operator sets the fares. You will need to check with the operator what fares are available.

Yellow School Buses

This timetable also shows the journeys operated by Yellow School Buses.

Yellow School Bus journeys have special travel conditions and **can only be used by students who hold a Yellow School Bus pass** which is valid for that journey. Students who wish to use a Yellow School Bus should go to <https://www.tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/bus-yellow-school-buses> for details on how to apply for a pass.

The IGO Pass

All students between the ages of 11 and 16 need an IGO pass if they wish to travel at the concessionary (reduced fare) rate on buses.

The IGO pass is like an ID card and proves that the student is aged 16 or under. It must be carried on all journeys and shown to the driver before paying the fare.

The IGO pass costs £10 and can only be bought by students who live, or go to school in Greater Manchester.

More information on IGO and an application form to get an IGO pass is on the TfGM website at <http://igo.tfgm.com>

(Please note: students who are entitled to a free Scholars Travel Pass for journeys between home and school and students aged between 16 and 19 who have a Scholars Concessionary Pass, do not need an IGO Pass for these journeys)