

School Travel to County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way and County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road from September 2023

Eligibility to Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel

Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel is provided to the nearest suitable school that would have had a place available for your child when they meet the statutory walking distance criteria from their home address. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school.

For on-time secondary school applications for the normal year of entry, eligibility for SCC funded school travel will be assessed using the availability of school places on the National Offer Day, 1 March each year, or the next working day.

For all other admissions applications (e.g. late and in-year) eligibility for SCC funded school travel will be assessed using the availability of school places on the date the admissions application is determined.

Eligibility for SCC funded school travel will not be reassessed unless there is change of school offered or change of child's home address.

County High School organisation from September 2023

County High School will operate on two sites:

- Years 7 and 8 will attend County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3JB (previously Westley Middle School).
- Years 9, 10 and 11 will attend County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RF.

The following arrangements will remain in place whilst the school operates on two sites. Shaded areas in the tables below are not impacted by County High School's split site arrangements. Please see notes at the end of this document.

2022/2023 School Year (current school year)

School	School	Year Group	Eligibility for SCC funded school travel
Horringer Court Middle	Westley Middle	Year 6 Year 7 Year 8	when it is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way		Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	when it is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met

2023/2024 School Year

Middle schools close and County High School operates across two sites

School	Year Group	Eligibility for SCC funded school travel
County High Lower Site Oliver Road	Year 7 Year 8 (Normal years of entry)	when County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 9 (Normal year of entry)	when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 10 Year 11	when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met

2024/2025 School Year

School	Year Group	Transport eligibility
County High Lower Site Oliver Road	Year 7 (Normal year of entry) Year 8	when County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 9	when student attended County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, and received SCC funded school travel as it was the nearest suitable school, and statutory walking distance is still met to County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way Or when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 10 Year 11	when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met

2025/2026 School Year

School	Year Group	Transport eligibility
County High Lower Site Oliver Road	Year 7 (Normal year of entry) Year 8	when County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 9 Year 10	when student attended County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, and received SCC funded school travel as it was the nearest suitable school, and statutory walking

		distance is still met to County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, Or when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 11	when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met

2026/2027 School Year

School	Year Group	Transport eligibility
County High Lower Site Oliver Road	Year 7 (Normal year of entry) Year 8	when County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met
County High Upper Site Beetons Way	Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	when student attended County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, and received SCC funded school travel as it was the nearest suitable school, and statutory walking distance is still met to County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way Or when County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, is the nearest suitable school and statutory walking distance is met

Notes

School Year	Notes
2022/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Travel Policy applies
2023/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Travel Policy applies. • School travel eligibility will be assessed for new students at County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, or those who have moved house. • School travel eligibility will not be reassessed for students already at County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, unless they have moved house. • School travel would be provided for students in Years 7 to 11 to the second nearest suitable school if the statutory walking distance is met, as well as County High School when the County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is nearest.
2024/2025 and beyond whilst the school has two sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Travel Policy applies. • School travel eligibility will be assessed for new students at County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, or those who have moved house.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who were eligible for SCC funded school travel to the County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, will continue to receive this when they move to the County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, in Year 9 if they still meet the statutory walking distance and live at the same address. • Students who were eligible for SCC funded school travel to the County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, will no longer receive this when they move to the County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, in Year 9 if they do not meet the statutory walking distance. • School travel eligibility will not be reassessed for students already attending County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, unless they have moved house. • School Travel would be provided for students in Years 7 to 11 to the second nearest suitable school if the statutory walking distance is met, as well as County High School when the County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is nearest.
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School Travel Scenarios for students whose nearest secondary school is County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road (formerly Westley Middle School)

Julie's parent applied for a place in Year 7 at County High School as first preference. The Lower Site, Oliver Road, is the nearest school and is over 3 miles away.

- A place is offered at the first preference school.
- SCC funded school travel would be available in Years 7 and 8.
- When Julie moves up to County High School, Upper Site, Beetons Way, in Year 9, SCC funded school travel would be available as long as this site is over 3 miles away from Julie's home address.

Arnie's parent applied for a place in Year 7 at a secondary school as first preference. This school is over 3 miles away and is their second nearest school. County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is nearer.

- A place is offered at the first preference school.
- Although County High School, Lower Site, Oliver Road, is nearer, the school offered is the second nearest school and would be the nearest school when the child moves into Year 9, so SCC funded school travel would be available to the secondary school.