



## **Home to school transport**

With subsidies now removed from school bus services in Uttlesford, families not entitled to free transport are likely to face significant fare increases from September. For example, if paying by direct debit, the annual cost of travel from Clavering to Saffron Walden County High on Stephenson's buses will rise from £598 to £875.

Fare increases can be difficult for families to manage. Low income families and those families with extenuating circumstances may be entitled to help with the cost of transport; for more information contact Essex County Council. Post 16 students struggling with the cost of transport may find help is available from their school or college. If you are not entitled to financial support, organising a lift share with other local families could reduce costs; try advertising in your parish magazine or on local facebook groups. If you are worried about money, Citizens Advice can help with budgeting concerns, call 01799 618840 to make an appointment.

Parents applying for new school places should read the current school transport policy carefully, as the ranking of choices may affect your entitlement to free transport. This is available on the Essex County Council website.

It is possible that there will also be bus service and schedule changes from September that have yet to be announced. For timetable and provider information check <http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk/> or contact bus companies directly before the start of term.

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Saffron Walden 9.30 to 3.30 M.T.Th.F. (appointments available Weds)

Great Dunmow 9.30 to 3.30 T. W. Th.

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