

# College student journey planning guide

## Planning your journey to and from college



As the new academic year gets going, this guide will help you learn more about your travel options to and from college, and how you can travel safely and sustainably.

## Using public transport



While many restrictions have been lifted it does not mean that the risk from Coronavirus has disappeared. There are actions you can take to help keep yourselves and others safe:

- You must wear a face covering, unless exempt, if you are using the Metrolink network, bus stations or interchanges
- You are expected to wear a face covering when using buses and trains
- Where possible open windows to maintain fresh air flow and ventilation
- Clean your hands frequently by washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser
- Use contactless payment if you can
- Consider walking or cycling, particularly if it's a short trip
- Please be kind and consider fellow passengers when travelling on public transport

Duplicate bus services, which were put in place last year to support with social distancing, are no longer running.

## It's important to check before you travel



- For the latest travel information and advice visit **TfGM.com**

- For bus departure times, routes and operators visit **tfgm.com/public-transport/bus**
- For up-to-date information about tram departure times, service frequency and disruption visit **tfgm.com/public-transport/tram**
- For information about train times, routes, tickets and railcards visit **nationalrail.co.uk**

## Free and discounted travel



If you're aged between 16 to 19, you can pay for child fares on buses, trams and trains in Greater Manchester for your travel to college with a Scholar's permit. Find out more at **tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/scholars-pass**

You may also be entitled to free bus travel with Our Pass. After you pay the £10 admin fee (which pays for the cost of making the card), you can use your pass on most local bus services in Greater Manchester.

You can also get half-price off-peak 1 day and weekend travelcards on Metrolink, as well as access to exclusive offers and experiences. If you live in Greater Manchester and were born between 1 September 2002 and 31 August 2004, you are eligible. Find out more and apply by visiting **ourpass.co.uk**

## Walk or bike it



Travelling by foot or bike are great options for a cleaner, greener journey – particularly for shorter trips.

There is lots of information and support available on our new active travel website at **activetravel.tfgm.com**