



# Brunstane Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

From 31 January, 5–21 year olds living in Scotland will be eligible for free bus travel across Scotland with a valid National Entitlement Card. You can apply from **10 January 2022**.

However, in light of high levels of COVID-19 transmission, the Scottish Government is asking that you only apply for the scheme at this point if it is essential\* that you, or your child, travel while restrictions are in place. All other eligible applicants will be proactively encouraged to apply at a later date.

\*There is no prescribed list of what constitutes essential travel – it will differ for different children, young people and families. But it might include travel for education, training, work, care or health reasons.

Even if your child already has a National Entitlement Card or Young Scot National Entitlement Card, they must apply for a new or replacement card to travel by bus for free.

You can visit the [Transport Scotland website](#) to find out how to apply and more.

## Staying Safe

Please follow the latest [Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance](#) at all times.

The following videos show step-by-step instructions on how to apply for a NEC and free bus travel through [getyournec.scot](#). These first videos look at the process for a parent/carer applying for a new card for their child aged 5-15, and for requesting a replacement card with travel for a child who already has a NEC.

- How to apply for a card for your child: [https://youtu.be/Ev\\_sEjprEDE](https://youtu.be/Ev_sEjprEDE)
- How to request a replacement card with free bus travel: <https://youtu.be/M7OgYZ3Fh5s>

Yours sincerely

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