

Essex Concessionary Bus Pass

Return to normal hours of use

From Tuesday, 01 September 2020

In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Essex County Council (ECC) extended the hours of operation for Essex bus passes to all day from the usual off-peak times to help people make use of early hours opening for high risk groups.

Now businesses and shops are starting to return to normal, with schools preparing for a September return, social distancing requirements on bus services mean that during the peak morning travel period there will be additional pressure on bus capacity for school children and workers.

As a result, ECC has agreed with bus operators that the times of operation for Essex concessionary bus passes will return to normal hours - 9am to midnight on weekdays and all times on weekends and public holidays from Tuesday, 01 September 2020.

If you are a pass holder and want to travel outside the hours of operation you will need to pay the normal fare for your journey.



Please note that the availability of bus services is likely to continue to change over the coming weeks, you are strongly advised to check on your bus operator's website, social media and phone apps to see what bus services will be running before starting your journey.

NB. When using bus services, please follow the guidance from Public Health England, including the need to wear a face covering, reduce personal contact, social distancing and maintaining personal hygiene, particularly sneezing or coughing into disposable tissues, avoiding touching your face and regular thorough hand cleaning.