

Minibus Hire for Schools

Our Vehicles ...

We pride ourselves in having access to a range of vehicles targeted at meeting specific needs. Many of the vehicles are adapted for use by wheelchair users, and have ramps or lifts to aid access to the vehicle, other vehicles are specifically designed for carrying children.

Our Drivers ...

Our drivers are all trained to a national standard, and have training, qualifications and experience in carrying passengers with a wide range of specialist needs.

About us ...

BCT is a Community Interest Company specialising in meeting the non-conventional passenger transport needs for the people of Bristol and the surrounding area. We have access to a fleet of 25 minibuses, and a large pool of trained minibus drivers. Our profits are used to support the provision of transport for the people of Bristol.

Further information ...

Please contact us to discuss how we can help you with your transport needs

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Addressing the transport needs of schools

"Pay as you go" Minibus Hire

We recognise that schools have the need to be able to access vehicles that can be used to assist with the transport of their pupils. This could be for day trips, for travel to/from residential experiences, or for a myriad of other reasons. In most cases, however, the need for this service is only occasional, and thus the cost of operating and maintaining your own vehicle for this purpose makes it prohibitive. Or, if you do operate your own minibus(es) you may need to occasionally have access to additional vehicles. We have access to a fleet of specialist vehicles. Vehicles range from 11 seats to 16 seats, and there are plans to add cars to the fleet as well. Vehicles have a range of specialist equipment including vehicles being wheelchair accessible, with vehicles having ramps and lifts to ease access.

If you own/operate your own minibus you also have the hassle and expense of vehicle maintenance, insurance, safety checks, breakdown cover, MOT, cleaning, as well as fuel costs and where to park your vehicle.

We're offering you access to a range of accessible vehicles on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Our solution is simple; you hire a vehicle from us for only the hours that you need. We take away from you all the worries about owning and maintaining the vehicle; you just need to worry about planning your trip and who you're going to take.

We also have a team of drivers that can drive the minibus for you; alternatively you can provide your own suitably trained driver (we can arrange the training).

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you your specific requirements, and how our specialist service can assist you. We can discuss this over the phone or arrange a meeting at our offices in Easton so that you can see for yourself the high quality of the vehicles we have available.

• Vehicles

Vehicles are maintained to a high standard. At the beginning and end of every hire the vehicle undergoes a 60 point safety check. Every week a comprehensive safety check is undertaken reviewing a series of safety considerations. This is supplemented with a mechanical check including every two months. This is backed up with comprehensive breakdown cover, and an annual 'MOT' test.

Vehicles have been adapted to meet specific needs. All vehicles have full seat belts. Depending on the specific needs of wheelchair users they can either transfer to one of the seats in the vehicle or travel in their wheelchair (which will be securely attached to the minibus). Childrens 'booster' seats and child seats are available on request.

• Drivers

You can either provide your own driver (we can provide the training) or we can allocate one of our team of trained and experienced drivers. Most of our drivers have years of experience of driving minibuses, and ensuring the safety of their passengers. The drivers are all trained to the nationally-recognised "MiDAS" standard endorsed by the Community Transport Association and the Royal Society for the Protection of Accidents. In addition, the drivers are trained in 'customer care' to help ensure an enjoyable journey. Drivers wear BCT uniform.

We would expect a representative of the school to accompany their pupils and to act as the 'passenger escort' to provide support as required for the passengers and driver.

• Charges

Our charging structure works on an hourly "pay-as-you-go" basis, plus a per mile charge based on mileage. There is an additional charge if you use one of our drivers. Our charging structure ensures you only pay for a minibus for the times when you need to use a minibus. Contact us for details of our hire charges.

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