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Re: Updated form for use when applying for school transport for students arriving from Ukraine and living in accommodation centres

Dear Principal,

Schools have been to the forefront in welcoming Ukrainian and young people to Ireland and the Department recognises and acknowledges this effort is, especially following the challenges associated with Covid-19 pandemic. Irish school communities have responded magnificently to these challenges with open spirits and kind hearts.

Ukrainian children and young people continue to arrive to Ireland and require school places and, frequently, transport to get to school.

The school transport application form for Ukrainian pupils in accommodation centres has now been reviewed, with input from all stakeholders, and an updated form in Excel spreadsheet format will be in use from Tuesday 25 April.

Please delete any previous versions of this form currently in use.

This form is for use only for Ukrainian children and young people living in accommodation centres such as hotels. It should be completed as part of the new enrolment of a Ukrainian child that requires school transport into the school.

The existing school transport application processes for Ukrainian children staying with host families and International Protection pupils are not changing. Please find further information in the attached guide.

If you have any queries on this updated form and associated processes, please contact your local REALT co-ordinator, whose contact details can be found at: [REALT co-ordinator Contact Details](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/48639-information-for-schools-ukraine/#regional-education-and-language-teams-realt).

Please note that Bus Éireann is responsible for providing school transport. The role of the REALT co-ordinator is to facilitate the gathering of data via this form to source transport for pupils.

yours faithfully

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