



Travel Plan 2020-21

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Aims

- Up to 600 students and 40 staff safely travelling to and from North East Futures UTC every day the UTC is open
- To achieve a minimal proportion of trips to and from UTC made by cars
- Comply with relevant environmental legislation, approved codes of practice and standards
- Reduce pollution, emissions and waste
- Support students and families financially with the cost of travel to the UTC

National Policy

The North East Futures Travel Plan reflects the NPPF guidance National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2012 – Section 4:29) which states that ‘the transport system needs to be balanced in favour of sustainable transport modes, giving people a real choice about how they travel’. There is a need to reduce car dependency in the City Centre, increase travel choices and encourage decisions which support a sustainable travel equilibrium.

Local Policy

The vision for Newcastle upon Tyne is to improve the quality of life for all people in its communities and play a leading role in the sustainable growth and prosperity of the region. (see Vision & Values at www.newcastle.gov.uk/core.nsf/a/vision)

The Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMoTS) sets out ways of helping children, students, parents and staff choose safer, sustainable ways to travel to school in Newcastle.

Safe and Social

We expect North East Futures UTC students to travel to school in a safe and social manner. We expect students to follow our code of conduct while traveling to and from school as representatives of and ambassadors for North East Futures UTC.

Encouraging Green Travel

It is our belief that the most economical mode of transport should be used where convenient. We highly encourage cycling and walking for shorter journeys and public transport for longer journeys.

Not only is it beneficial for the environment to travel economically but by walking, running or cycling students will also feel the benefits. Including arriving alert and ready to learn and increasing their fitness.

We only recommend walking, running or cycling for students who are confident enough to travel safely in the city centre.

There are a small number of showers available at the UTC for those that wish to change after a cycle or run.

Travel Options

Travel Planning

The UTC seeks to support students and families in planning the most cost-efficient, time-efficient and environmentally conscious travel to and from school. Please contact info@nefuturesutc.co.uk to access the UTC’s travel planning service.

Travel by car

North East Futures UTC recommends staff and students avoid car travel wherever possible.

North East Futures has no car park available. The Stephenson Quarter car park is available at cost – <https://www.stephensonquartercarpark.com/>

There is some free car parking on the quayside with a short walk to the UTC.

Drop-off is recommended on Forth Street (See map under Travel by Foot). Please ensure car is pulled up on the side of the road for drop-off to avoid congestion. Please be careful crossing Forth Street if drop is on the Train Station side.

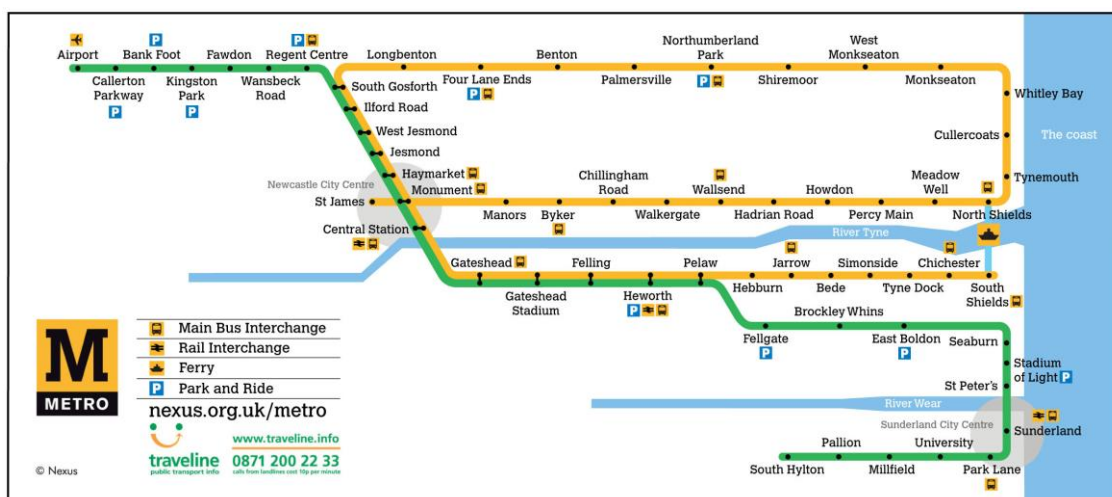
Tyne & Wear – Metro Pop Card (Under 16)

This Pop Card entitles those living within Tyne and Wear travelling to the UTC via Metro, Bus, Shields Ferry or Northern Rail to cheaper travel (to be carried at all times):

<u>Single Ticket</u>	<u>Child All-day Ticket</u>
60p	£1.10

For more information please visit the Nexus website below:

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/concessions/under-16s>



Map of area covered by the Tyne and Wear Metro



All Zone Metro Travel - Metro Pop Blue Card (16-18)

This Pop Card entitles those who will be travelling by Metro (all zones included) to the UTC to discounted prices, just top-up and swipe on your way on and off the Metro:

<u>Single Ticket (All Zone)</u>	<u>All-day Ticket (All Zone)</u>
£1	£2

The card can be used on other public transport but rates can change, for more information please visit the Nexus website:

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/metro/popblue>

Travelling by Bus

Prices vary when travelling via bus due to different zones across the North East. Stagecoach and Arriva both have Student Fare prices which do require ID to be carried if inspected, see all details on their website:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/tickets/all-tickets>

<https://tickets.arrivabus.co.uk/north-east>

Travelling by Train

Within Tyne and Wear, the Under 16 Pop Card can be used for travel to Newcastle Central Station (just a 5 minute walk to the UTC):

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/tickets?mode%5B0%5D=46&type%5B0%5D=57&freq%5B0%5D=69>

All details about railcards are on the National Rail website:

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/pr7247c51b004c0eaf22feb85a4e1793.aspx

16-17 Saver allows students to get 50% off rail travel. For more information, click here:

<https://www.16-17saver.co.uk/>



Map of area covered by network rail connections

Travelling by foot

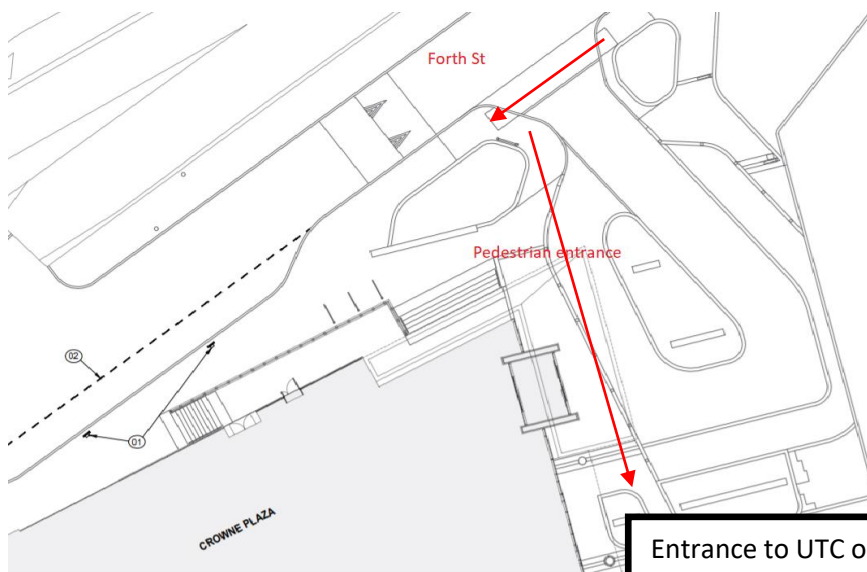
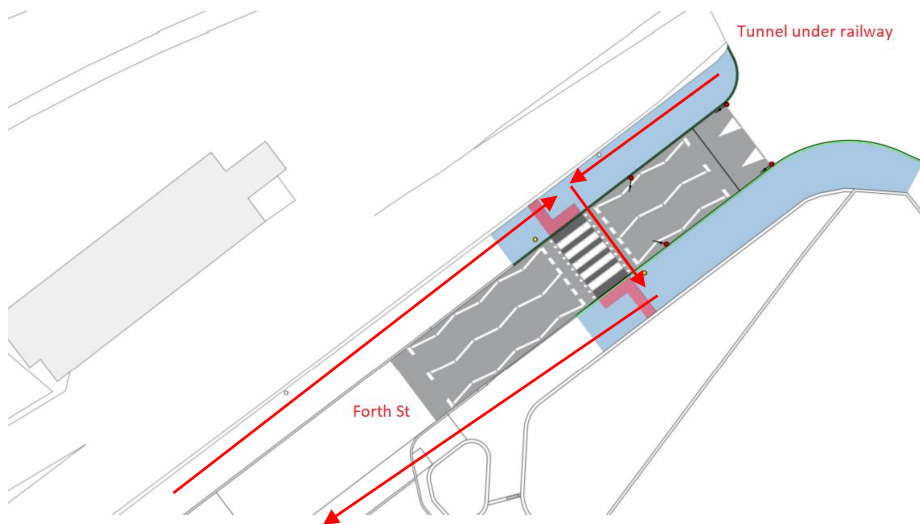
The UTC is easily accessible for pedestrians. All students taking public transport will travel by foot from their drop off point to the UTC

Walking is encouraged as a healthy option for transport where appropriate and safe.

In the 2020-21 academic year the Stephenson Quarter project will not yet be complete. Pedestrian access to the front of the UTC will be via Forth Street, past the Crowne Plaza Hotel then via wooden hoarding (and tarmacked entrance).

Students needing to cross Forth Street should do so carefully via the zebra crossing. We expect students to follow the UTC Code of Conduct on the way to and from the UTC.

The UTC has a small number of showers for runners who wish to wash and change before 9:00.



Entrance to UTC on foot via hoarding



Travelling by Bicycle

Students and staff travelling by bike are expected to be wearing Personal Protective Equipment such as a European Standard approved helmet, reflective top and lights.

Cycling is encouraged as a healthy option for transport where appropriate and safe.

We expect all cyclists to be highly proficient and confident as the UTC is in a city centre and traffic dense area.

The UTC provides a small number of bike hoops for securing bikes in the day. The UTC recommends high end D Style locks to reduce risk of theft. The UTC is not responsible for compensation should a bicycle be stolen from the UTC bike hoops.

The UTC has a small number of showers for cyclists who wish to wash and change before 9:00.

Travel Support Scheme

Any student that wishes to attend the UTC should not have to decline their place due to the financial requirements of travel.

For this reason the UTC offers families a non-means tested Travel Support Scheme to support travel costs wherever feasible. Please see www.nefuturesutc.co.uk for more information.