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New Free Transit Programs for Children & Schools

The City of Vernon and Vernon Regional Transit are launching two new programs effective September 1, 2018:

Kids Ride Free

An adult transit customer with a valid monthly pass, DayPASS, U-PASS or BC Bus Pass can bring up to four children aged 12 and under on board with them for free. On weekends and statutory holidays the program expands to include adult riders paying with cash or tickets. Children five and under always ride the bus for free when accompanied by an adult.

Class Rides Free

The Vernon Regional Transit Class Rides Free program provides students the opportunity to learn how to use our local transit system through first-hand experience. School District 22 classes within Vernon city limits can apply to travel by transit for one round trip per year at no cost.

The two programs will make it easier and more affordable for families and caregivers to use the Vernon Regional Transit system. “Families and caregivers have told us that they need more transportation options.” says Mayor Akbal Mund. “The Kids Ride Free program will provide relief for families who are already using the system and encourage new families to try taking the bus.”

“Riding the bus is an important life skill,” says Active Transportation Coordinator Angela Broadbent. “The Class Rides Free program will ensure that Vernon students have the opportunity to learn how to use public transit and build the confidence to ride the bus on their own.”

Teachers can learn more about the Class Rides Free program and how to apply by contacting the City of Vernon Transportation Department. The District of Coldstream and the Regional District of the North Okanagan have also adopted the Class Rides Free

program for schools in their regions. Schools located outside of Vernon should contact their local government for information on how to apply.

For more information about the Vernon Regional Transit system visit bctransit.com/Vernon.