

TransPennine making it easier and cheaper for schools to book trips on their trains

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TransPennine Express is asking schools to try the train on their next trip with a special discount and an easier way to book groups of pupils.

The company has introduced a new tool for local schools which allows them to book their train journey in a single step, as well as a 20 per cent discount off the price of advance purchase tickets when travelling together.

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With the **TPE network** connecting towns and cities across the North and into Scotland, there are plenty of days out to choose from, whether it's taking in some culture at one of Liverpool's waterfront museums, learning about Viking life at JORVIK Viking Centre in York or checking out some of the weird and wonderful creatures at SEA LIFE Scarborough.

Schools can now book their travel in advance via a specialist team, who will be on hand to answer any questions and make sure everyone is sat together. Bookings can be made by contacting: TPE.GroupTravel@tpexpress.co.uk or 0330 095 4030.

Darren Higgins, commercial director for **TransPennine Express** said: "This new service coupled with the 20 per cent discount will make it even easier for schools to plan their next outing by train.

"Taking the train is one of the greenest ways to travel, and our modern trains go to some of the best destinations in the North and into Scotland. I would encourage anyone thinking about booking their next excursion for a group of 10 or more to give the train a try."

Rail is already one of the most sustainable methods of transport and TPE is on track to further reduce carbon emissions by 30 per cent per vehicle kilometre by April 2023.

More information on booking train travel for groups of schoolchildren can be found at: tpexpress.co.uk/special-offers/group-train-travel

The 20 per cent off discount applies to both First and Standard class Advance Purchase tickets, and is valid for travel on any TPE service, subject to availability, excluding dates impacted by current RMT strike action.