

Parental Information - Home to School Transport for pupils with SEND

This guidance sheet provides some brief information on the key things you should know about Home to School transport for learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The naming of an educational setting in section I of an Education, Health and Care Plan does not give a guarantee of home to school travel assistance from Hull City Council. Parents/Carers have a right to express a preference for a school, however this does not automatically carry with it the right to home school travel assistance.

Am I eligible for SEND transport to school?

The Department for Education (DfE) Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 0-25 Years provides advice to local authorities, schools, and other agencies.

The Local Authority must make transport arrangements for all 5–16-year-olds who cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school because of their mobility problems and/or health and safety issues related to their special educational needs (SEN) or disability. Transport need only be provided to the nearest suitable school/academy/college that can meet the child's needs, as identified by the Local Authority.

By expressing a preference for your child to attend a school that is not the nearest suitable school, you acknowledge that you will be required to take responsibility for arranging and funding transport costs.

Nearest Suitable School/Academy/College.

A suitable school is the school/academy/college which offers a full-time education suitable to the age, ability, aptitude, and any special educational needs of the child. The assessment and decision on which is the nearest suitable school that can meet a child's needs is made by the Council supported by the school consultation process.

Support is also available to young people who have an Education Health and Care Plan aged 16-19 (up to 25 in certain circumstances). It should be noted that there is a contribution charge for this transport, which is reviewed annually.

How we measure home to school distance?

The distance measured is the shortest available route from the child's normal place of residence to the nearest approved entry point to the school site. The distance will be measured on a computerised GIS mapping system using Ordnance Survey information. We will use the shortest safe available route along footpaths, where a child can be accompanied as necessary, to walk reasonably safely to school.

What support is available?

Home to school transport will be provided for the journey between home and school at the start and end of the school day. It does not include travel between education institutions during the day, or to placements other than those at which the child is registered.

If travel assistance is approved, support can be provided in a range of ways:

- Transport by minibus or personal taxi
- Passenger Assistant (assessment approval required)
- Personal Transport Budget

In addition, it may be appropriate to consider whether any special facilities are required such as tail lifts or ramps, or the facility to restrain wheelchairs to the floor of the vehicle.

The nature of provision will depend upon individual needs considering the efficient use of council resources.

Travel Training

Schools within Hull can provide your child with free travel training. Being able to travel on public transport is a key life skill even after leaving schooling. It assists and encourages pupils to make choices about how they live, go about daily life independently and fulfil their potential into adulthood.

How do I apply?

To apply for SEN home to school transport the application form can be found here:

[Home to School Transport](#)

The application form must be fully completed. To ensure that we can provide the most appropriate transport for you child you must provide as much information as possible.

For learners over the age of 16 with SEN the application form can be found here:

[Post 16 Transport Request Form](#)

Completed forms can be returned:

- By hand in person to the customer services centre
- By email to the SEND Transport email below
- By Post to the postal address below

Home to school transport contracts for children with special educational needs will be reviewed annually.

Further information and advice

Further information and copies of application forms is available on:

Local Offer Website: [Transport \(mylocaloffer.org\)](http://mylocaloffer.org) <http://hull.mylocaloffer.org/>

SEND Transport Email: SENtransport@hullCC.gov.uk

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