



Home to School Transport for Learners 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).

Who is eligible to home to school transport?

Under the Education Act the Local Authority have a duty to provide free home to school transport for eligible learners of compulsory school age (5–16-year-olds) who live in Hull.

Free home to school transport will be provided where their nearest suitable school is:

- Beyond 2 miles (if below the age of 8)

or

- Beyond 3 miles (if aged 8 to 16)

The Local Authority must also make transport arrangements for all 5–16-year-olds who cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school because of:

- their mobility problems

or

- health and safety issues related to their special educational needs (SEN) or disability

Suitable schools are identified as places of education recognised by the Council which provide education appropriate to the age and ability of the child.

Where parents' express a preference for a school which is not the nearest school to their home able to meet a learner's needs, parents should be aware that in the interests of managing the efficient use of resources, transport may not be funded by the local Authority and parents may be responsible for the transport costs to a school which is not their nearest.

Support is available to young people who have EHC Plans aged 16-19 (up to 25 in certain circumstances). It should be noted that there is a charge for this transport, currently set at £360 (2021/22) and annually reviewed.

What support is available?

Where a learner is entitled, transport to the nearest suitable school, able to meet the learners needs as set out in their EHC Plan will be provided.

Transport support 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.

A learner may be supported with transport in a range of ways:

- Walking escort
- Free bus pass to be used on commercial services
- Free bus pass to be used on buses specifically contracted for school journeys
- Private Taxis



- Personal Transport Budget

In addition, it may be appropriate to consider whether the learner requires any special facilities in the vehicle such as tail lifts or ramps, or the facility to restrain wheelchairs to the floor of the vehicle. It may also be appropriate to consider whether the learner requires an escort.

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

How do I apply?

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

[Home to School Transport](#)

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 alongside the Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan Review process where possible.

Further information and advice

If you have any further questions regarding transport then the following information may be helpful:

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

SEND Transport Email: SENtransport@hullCC.gov.uk

Telephone: 01482 300 300

Postal Address:

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