

**Option to share school runs with the council** - you transport your child/young person some or most of the time (on set, regular days), and the council covers the days or times you can't do.

**Assistance with getting your other children/young people to school** - so that you can take your SEND child/young person, where this is the most cost-effective option.

**Support for independent travel** - we can support your child/young person with the cost of a bus/train pass if they are able to travel independently.

**Independent travel training** - subject to completing a training assessment, this offers 1:1 tailored and practical assistance for young people to travel safely and without anxiety by public transport, on foot or by bicycle. This offer will be introduced in the 2018/19 academic year.

**Transport on wheels** - where other options are not suitable, the council will organise transport for eligible children and young people. Pupils will normally travel with other children/young people attending the same, or nearby school/college, unless there are exceptional circumstances preventing them from travelling in this way.



## Post 16 SEND Travel Assistance

Information about local and national transport schemes supporting learners aged 16-18 in further education and continuing learners aged 19 and over can be found at: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)



## How do I apply?

Please contact the SEND Travel Assistance Team for more information:

**Web:** [www.surreycc.gov.uk/sendtravel](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sendtravel)

**Email:** [sendtravel.assistance@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sendtravel.assistance@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Tel:** 0300 200 1004

If you would like this information in large print, Braille, on tape or in another language please contact us on:

**Tel:** 03456 009 009

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إذا كنت ترغب بالحصول على هذه الوثيقة في طباعة مكبرة، أو على شريط مسجل أو في لغة أخرى، فنرجو الاتصال بنا على أحد الأرقام المدونة أعلاه.

আপনি যদি এই ডকুমেন্ট বা নথি বড় ছাপার অক্ষরে, টেপে বা অন্য কোন ভাষায় পেতে চান, তাহলে দয়া করে উপরের যে কোন একটি নম্বরে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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## A guide to SEND travel assistance for 4-16 year olds

2018/19 academic year





# Travel Assistance Offer

The majority of children and young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in Surrey do not receive or require council-funded home to school travel assistance.

Wherever possible, Surrey County Council expects parents/carers of children/young people with SEND to make their own arrangements to get their child/young person to school, in the same way as parents/carers of children/young people without SEND.

However, the council recognises that there are some circumstances where children/young people may require additional assistance, and is introducing a more flexible variety of assistance options to support this, and these are explained in this leaflet.



## Is my child/young person eligible for travel assistance?

In order to qualify for assistance, your child/young person must be attending the nearest available school which meets their needs and is able to offer a place - **if you choose to send your child/young person to a school that is further away, then you will be responsible for funding their home to school travel arrangements.**

Eligibility for assistance is then assessed on meeting certain statutory criteria, including but not limited to:

- The distance between your home and the school;
- Your child's SEN and/or disability;
- Whether your child is eligible for free school meals.

This offer is available to all parent/carers of children and young people who are eligible for travel assistance. For those already in receipt of travel assistance, the council will not make any changes to your current travel arrangements without consulting you

For more information about eligibility, please see the council's Travel Assistance Policy, available at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/sendtravel](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sendtravel), or contact the SEND Travel Assistance Team.



## How does it work?

On receipt of an application for travel assistance, you will be contacted by a member of the SEND Travel Assistance Team to discuss the options available. Each application is assessed on individual needs, on a case by case basis.



## Types of assistance available

Travel assistance may take one of the following forms, and the council will work together with parents and carers to identify the most appropriate and cost-effective option.

**Independent Travel Allowance** - can be used flexibly by families and young people, where necessary, to help fund their own transport arrangements. The allowance can help towards the running costs of a family car, or paying another member of the family or trusted friend to take your child/young person to school when you are unable to. The amount you could receive is based on the banded distance between your home and place of education, and would be paid in monthly instalments during the academic year:

Band	Distance between home – school (crow-flies)	Total annual allowance
1	0-5 miles	£1,600
2	6-10 miles	£2,700
3	11-15 miles	£4,200
4	16+ miles	£5,000