

SEND Travel Assistance Information fact sheet for families (Post 16 Home to School Travel Support)



Croydon Council SEND Travel Factsheet Post 16

For certain children of compulsory school age there is a legal duty to provide travel support for eligible children, that duty does not apply to Post 16 students. Local authorities do not have to provide free transport to education for young people over compulsory school age.

This includes 16-17 year olds, even though 16-17 year olds must stay in education or training. The council is required to provide the support that it deems necessary to facilitate the attendance of young people of sixth form age who are in education or training.

The following factsheet is for parents/carers of young people aged 16 and over with special educational needs and/or disabilities but is intended as guidance for anyone involved, including the young person themselves.

This factsheet will tell you about:



Transport for young people aged 16-18



Appeals Process



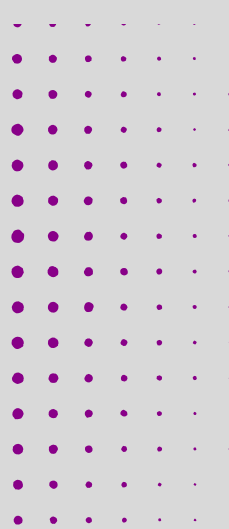
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Where to go for more information



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Transport for young people aged 16-18

What kind of support is available?

In most circumstances eligible students will be given a personal transport budget to help facilitate access to education. This is normally paid at 0.60p per mile for 4 daily journeys.

Other options might include:

- A subsidised bus pass or railcard.
- Travel training. The Council's aim is to support young people in developing independence skills for life. Where suitable the Council's first offer of travel assistance will be Independent Travel Training. This can help your son or daughter learn to travel independently on public transport. Croydon Council has it's own travel training service, if you would like to obtain more information about this service please visit: [School travel assistance | Croydon Council](#) Travel training supports a young person to be independent, but is not right for everyone. Your son or daughter's suitability for travel training will be assessed before a decision is made.
- Transport provided directly by the local authority. For example a minibus or taxi for an individual or group of young people with severe learning difficulties or complex medical needs.

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Transport for over 18s

- There is a separate duty to provide transport for adults aged 19 – 25.
- The law says that local authorities must make transport arrangements if they consider it necessary to enable adults to attend education. Such arrangements must be free of charge.



Applying for post 16 travel support

- When making a decision about post-16 placements, families and young people should also consider how they will access their preferred provision and whether the provision meets the eligibility criteria for travel support, for example is the provision the nearest suitable provision to the home address? Please contact your EHCP coordinator or the travel eligibility team if you are unsure whether your child will qualify for travel support or the type of travel assistance on offer.
- You will need to apply formally for travel support and reapply if there are any change in circumstances such as moving home or moving school/college. Information on how to apply, our policy and the online application form can be found at:
 - [School travel assistance | Croydon Council](#)
- You should include as much information as you can with your application. It's important to show that your child meets the eligibility criteria.

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Appeals Process

You may be unhappy with our decision on post 16 travel, either because we have decided your child is not eligible or you consider that the transport offered is not suitable. We have an appeals process details of this and the appeals form can be found at: [School travel assistance | Croydon Council](#)



Where to go for more information



For further queries please contact transport.eligibility@croydon.gov.uk or



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