

Home to School Travel Policy

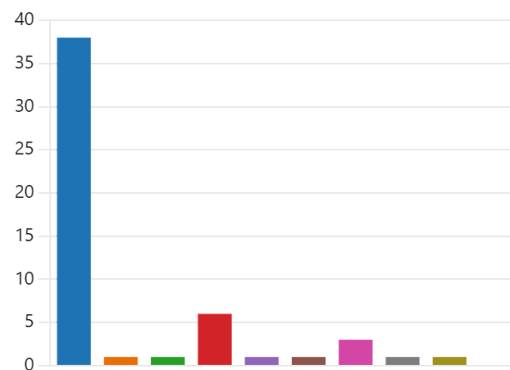
45 Responses

12:15 Average time to complete

Active Status

1. Are you a:

● Parent / Carer of a child or young person	38
● Child / Young person	1
● Special School (Primary)	1
● Special School (Secondary)	6
● Mainstream School (Primary)	1
● Mainstream School (Secondary)	1
● College / Further education establishment	3
● Professional	1
● Academy Trust	1
● Other	0



2. How easy is the proposed Home to School Travel Policy to understand?

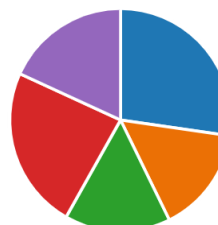
● Extremely easy	5
● Somewhat easy	14
● Neutral	11
● Somewhat not easy	14
● Extremely not easy	1



3. Travel Assistance Offer

Are you aware of any of the below travel assistance options available through the current policy?

● Mileage reimbursement	30
● Personal travel budget	17
● Independent Travel Training	17
● Transport	26
● Travel Pass	20



4. The above travel assistance will continue to be available in the new policy? Do you have any thoughts on this?

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Responses

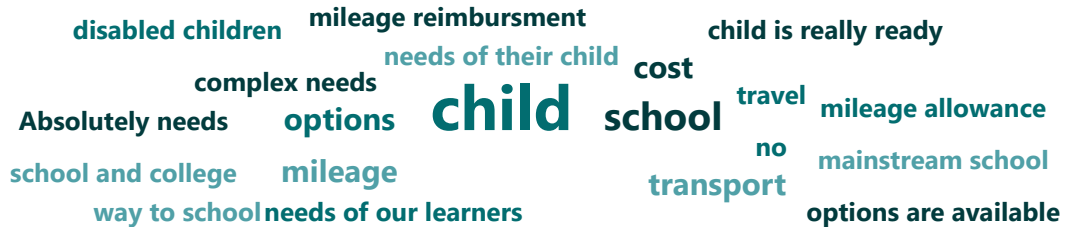
Latest Responses

"As it should "

"That's good, so long as the complex needs of our learners with SEMH and SE..."

"The personal travel budget states that it can be used to pay for a PA or taxi f..."

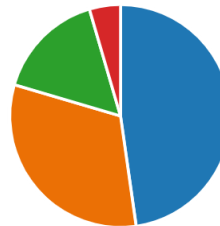
8 respondents (33%) answered **child** for this question.



5. 5. Process Changes

In the policy, eligibility for travel assistance will automatically be considered as part of any new Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessment to streamline processes. Do you think this will have a positive impact on families?

● Strongly Agree	21
● Agree	14
● Neither Agree nor Disagree	7
● Disagree	2
● Strongly Disagree	0



6. Please add any further comments on question 5:

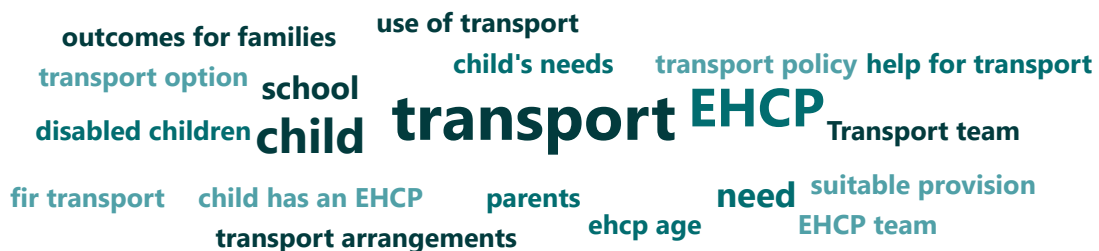
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Responses

Latest Responses

"Suitable transport needs careful consideration with regards to catering for le..."

"Who will consider the eligibility? Will this be school staff or members of the ..."

12 respondents (57%) answered **transport** for this question.



7. 7. Change of Circumstance

For occasions where a change of circumstance (eg change of address, change of school or change in the child or young person's needs) is required for a child or young person's travel the policy suggests a simpler one-page form rather than restarting a whole assessment. Do you think this will have a positive impact on families?

Strongly Agree	32
Agree	10
Neither Agree or Disagree	2
Disagree	0
Strongly Disagree	1



8. 8. Please add any further comments on question 7:

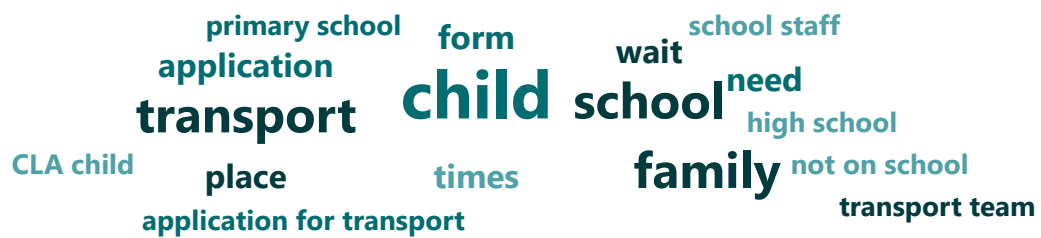
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Responses

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"When a child moves to high school, the application for transport must be se...

"This will be easier for families to complete. Will this also mean that the proc...

4 respondents (50%) answered **child** for this question.



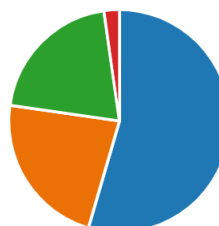
9. 9. Proposal for Pre School Age Children

The current policy refers to eligibility linked to statutory school age (5-16) based on the Council's statutory duty to provide travel assistance (as per DFE Home to School Travel and Transport Guidance 2024) however with the Council having discretion to provide travel assistance in other circumstances. This includes currently providing transport for pre-school and post 16 age groups.

The emerging principles from the engagement sessions considered whether travel assistance should only apply to statutory school age (5-16), or whether through aligning travel assistance assessment to the EHC Plan process, eligibility should be based on need and age linked to the delivery of the EHC Plan.

Therefore the new policy eligibility criteria proposes that Travel Assistance may be provided for Pre-School children who are attending Hoyle Nursery or a mainstream or special school with an EHCP. Do you agree or disagree with this criteria?

Strongly Agree	24
Agree	10
Neither Agree or Disagree	9
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0



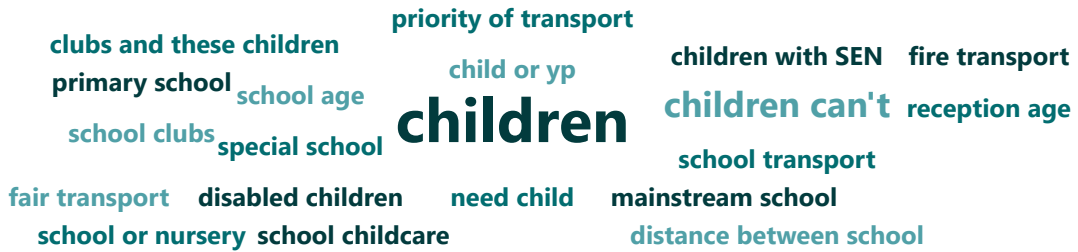
10. 10. Please add any further comments on question 9:

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Travel must align with a student's EHCP including continuation for those wh..."

5 respondents (71%) answered **children** for this question.



11. 11. Proposal for Post-16 Children and Young People

The current policy refers to eligibility linked to statutory school age (5-16) based on the Council's statutory duty to provide travel assistance (as per DFE Home to School Travel and Transport Guidance 2024) however with the Council having discretion to provide travel assistance in other circumstances. This includes currently providing transport for pre-school and post 16 age groups.

The emerging principles from the engagement sessions considered whether travel assistance should only apply to statutory school age (5-16), or whether through aligning travel assistance assessment to the EHC Plan process, eligibility should be based on need and age linked to the delivery of the EHC Plan.

Therefore the new policy now proposes that for post 16 aged children and young people travel assistance may be offered to those attending a full time course at a minimum of 20 hours per week and the nearest provision to their home. If assessed as being eligible the assistance that may be offered could include the following: personal travel budget, mileage or independent travel training. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

● Strongly Agree	15
● Agree	11
● Neither Agree or Disagree	9
● Disagree	4
● Strongly Disagree	5



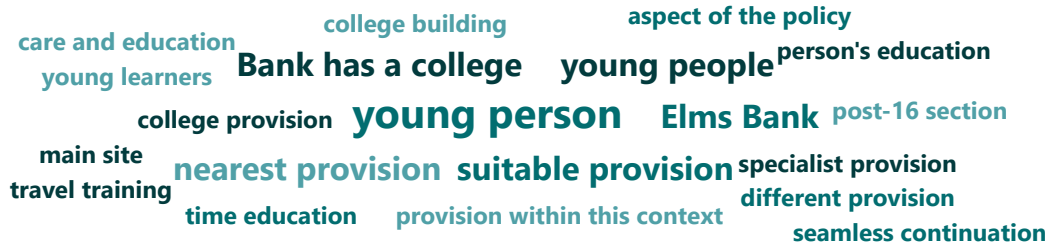
12. 12. Please add any further comments on question 11:

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Why is this proposed to be offered to the nearest provision to home? This m...

5 respondents (45%) answered **young person** for this question.



13. 13. Proposal for Adult Learners

The current policy refers to eligibility linked to statutory school age (5-16) based on the Council's statutory duty to provide travel assistance (as per DFE Home to School Travel and Transport Guidance 2024) however with the Council having discretion to provide travel assistance in other circumstances. The proposed policy now clarifies the offer for adult learners (aged 19-25) differentiating from the post 16 offer.

Local authorities have a duty with regard to transport or travel for adult learners. The overall intention of the adult transport duty is to ensure that those with the most severe disabilities with no other means of transportation are able to undertake further education and training after their 19th birthday to help them move towards more independent living.

The options that will be considered when assessing the travel assistance that may be provided may include, but are not limited to: mileage rates, personal travel budget, transport and independent travel.

Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

Strongly Agree	15
Agree	13
Neither Agree or Disagree	12
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	2



14. 14. Please add any further comments on question 13:

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Latest Responses

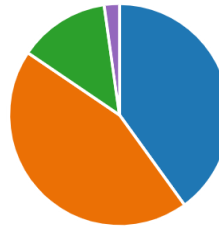
4 respondents (50%) answered **need** for this question.

learners might be able
direct correlation
colleges and provisions
Health and Care **helped need** transport adult learners
EHCP planning Elms Bank complex learners ehcp covers
requirements of the learner planning and transportation

15. 15. Flexibility

Feedback from our co-production sessions showed that flexibility would be helpful for families in situations where for example schools finish early at the end of term or to support attendance at school wraparound care provision. The policy states that the "Council may work with parents / carers to accommodate changes where possible while having regard to the constraints of operational delivery and efficient use of its resources to allow for this". Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

Strongly Agree	18
Agree	20
Neither Agree or Disagree	6
Disagree	0
Strongly Disagree	1



16. 16. Please add any further comments on question 15:

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Responses

Latest Responses

" 27. Where ...the parent's circumstances subsequently change and they are ...

5 respondents (71%) answered **school** for this question.

able **school** children

17. **17. Alternative Travel Options**

If you do not currently access alternative travel options such as mileage reimbursement, personal travel budget or independent travel training what do you feel are the barriers that prevent this as being a suitable travel option for your child/young person?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Tash hugely benefits from being with different children and adults. "

5 respondents (21%) answered **child** for this question.



18. Have you any other comments on the proposed Home to School Travel policy?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"What if a swift change of setting is required to meet more a complex need? ...

"It would be helpful for the department to produce a leaflet outlining the hel...

6 respondents (35%) answered **transport** for this question.

