

Extract of 17 from Home to School/College Transport Policy

17. Post-16 students (16 -25) with Special Educational Needs, learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

- 17.1.** Post -16 students with SEN should be transported to school/college in a manner that assists their readiness to engage in learning on their arrival at school/college and ensures their comfort and safety. Students with SEN should be treated in the same way as those without i.e. in general they should develop independent travel skills and they should walk to school/college or travel on public transport.

NB All post 16 students may be eligible for subsidised transport to their nearest appropriate centre if they meet the general post 16 transport criteria (see section X). This does not relate to eligibility for SEN Transport

- 17.2.** Post-16 students will be expected to walk or use public transport to their educational provision unless they have a have a medical need, special educational need or disability which prevents them accessing public transport or walking..
- 17.3.** Post 16 students must be enrolled on a full-time course either in a school (mainstream or special) or college of further education .This must be the nearest centre to their home offering that student an appropriate course.

If these criteria are met they may be eligible for supported transport up to the age of 25

- 17.4.** The Authority will in the first instance explore whether a parent or carer will provide transport and be remunerated for their fuel costs if the student is eligible. All claims for assistance need to be agreed in writing before transport commences and payment can be made.
- 17.5.** Where there is no parent/carers /family member who can transport the student, the Authority will consider the provision of the transport free of charge.
- 17.6.** If conditions are met transport will be provided as follows :
- a) Transport to and from independent residential college placements will be at the beginning and end of term or at the specialist placement's recommendation.
 - b) Students will be transported from their home address to school /college and back at the end of the school day. The Authority will not authorise

the collection or return of a young person to a different “home” address during the week unless the Authority has reached a prior agreement.

- c) The council is unable to guarantee that pick up or drop off times will be compatible with any other arrangements made by parents /carers. On arrival at school/college an identified member of staff will become responsible.
- d) Parents/carers are responsible for escorting their young person when at home to and from the vehicle. Once on school premises the school becomes responsible for the supervision of the pupils.
- e) A responsible adult is required to receive the young person on their return from school/college.

The Authority will not provide transport in the following circumstances:

- f) The Authority will not fund additional transport should the young person not be available at the agreed collection time. Additionally the Authority will not be responsible for funding transport to work experience placements.
- g) Students will not be provided with transport to support their attendance at school/college. The Authority will not provide transport where a young person has to remain at school for a detention or when they are excluded from school.
- h) The Authority will not fund transport to medical appointments, court appearances, birthdays or transport child/young person/young people home if they become ill at school. This remains parental responsibility.

17.8 For young people aged 16 and over attending out county specialist schools please refer to section 8.10.