

APPENDIX 3 – Home to School Travel Assistance Policies – Proposed policy wording amendments

Proposed Policy Amendments	Name of Policy	Current Policy Wording	Proposed Policy Wording
<i>Proposal a) to consult on withdrawing the current discretionary travel arrangements for children aged between 8 and 11 living more than 2 miles but less than the statutory 3 mile walking distance from their home to school.</i>	School Travel Assistance Policy – Mainstream (section 2.5)	<p>Eligibility Criteria for Primary aged children (4-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they live within the boundaries of Cambridgeshire Local Authority; and • they are registered at their <i>nearest suitable school</i> • that school is more than 2 miles from their home, by shortest available walking route. 	<p>Eligibility Criteria for Primary aged children (4-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they live within the boundaries of Cambridgeshire Local Authority; and • they are registered at their nearest suitable school • that school is more than 2 miles from their home, for pupils aged 4-7 and 3 miles for pupils aged 8-11, by shortest available walking route.
	School Travel Assistance Policy for Children/Young People with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) (section 2.3)	<p>Eligibility Criteria Primary aged pupils (4-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live within the boundaries of the area covered by Cambridgeshire County Council • Have an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) • Be attending the school that is the nearest suitable school/the school designated by the Council as able to meet their needs (please refer to section 2.7) 	<p>Eligibility Criteria Primary aged pupils (4-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live within the boundaries of the area covered by Cambridgeshire County Council • Have an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) • Be attending the school that is the nearest suitable school/the school designated by the Council as able to meet their needs (please refer to section 2.7)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live more than two miles from their nearest suitable primary school and/or not be able to walk those distances, accompanied by an adult as necessary (this needs to be supported by appropriate medical evidence). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live more than 2 miles, for children aged 4-7 and 3 miles for children aged 8-11 from their nearest suitable primary school and/or not be able to walk those distances, accompanied by an adult as necessary (this needs to be supported by appropriate medical evidence).
<p><i>Proposal b) to consult on revisions to the Council's discretionary Post-16 Travel Assistance offer, for students with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), withdrawing the existing provision of free assistance, and introducing a new level of subsidy in line with the mainstream travel assistance subsidy.</i></p>	<p>Post 16 Travel Assistance Policy - Travel Policy for full time learners aged 16-19 and Continuing adult learners with Education Health and Care Plans aged 19-25 (section 3.1)</p>	<p>16-19 Travel Assistance In addition to the criteria set out in section 2.2, subsidised assistance is available for students who have an EHCP and who;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend their Nearest Appropriate Centre (NAC) named within their EHCP; live more than 3 miles from this centre or are unable to walk this distance as a result of their SEND; and are unable to access public service travel (bus or train) or a bus service contracted by the Council. <p>Where a student meets the criteria in section 3.1 and they,</p>	<p>16-19 Travel Assistance In addition to the criteria set out in section 2.2, subsidised assistance is available for students who have an EHCP and who;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attend their Nearest Appropriate Centre (NAC) named within their EHCP; live more than 3 miles from this centre or are unable to walk this distance as a result of their SEND; and are unable to access public service travel (bus or train) or a bus service contracted by the Council. <p>Where a student meets the criteria in section 3.1 and they,</p>

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		<p>or a member of their household meets the income criteria set out in 2.2 (d) free travel assistance will be provided.</p> <p>Where a student does not meet the criteria set out in section 3.1, as they are considered able to travel on public or contacted service, they may apply for subsidised travel assistance under the mainstream criteria outlined in section 2.2.</p>	<p>or a member of their household meets the income criteria set out in 2.2 (d) a lower rate of subsidised assistance will be available. Further information regarding the current charges is available on the Council's website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Where a student does not meet the criteria set out in section 3.1, as they are considered able to travel on public or contacted service, they may apply for subsidised travel assistance under the mainstream criteria outlined in section 2.2.</p>
<p><i>Proposal c)</i> to consult on introducing a subsidised charge for discretionary transport assistance for children with SEND, who attend nursery provision and request assistance</p>	<p>School Travel Assistance Policy Mainstream (section 4.8)</p> <p>and</p> <p>School Travel Assistance Policy for Children/Young People with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) (section 3.9)</p>	<p>Nursery and Reception Pupils</p> <p>The Council will only provide travel assistance, in exceptional circumstances, for children attending a maintained nursery or nursery class or an early years setting run by a private, voluntary or independent provider if this is named in the child's EHCP and without such assistance the child would be unable to access the education provision specified.</p>	<p>Nursery and Reception Pupils</p> <p>The Council will only provide travel assistance, in exceptional circumstances, for children attending a maintained nursery or nursery class or an early years setting run by a private, voluntary or independent provider if this is named in the child's EHCP and without such assistance the child would be unable to access the education provision specified. Where agreed assistance will be subsidised and subject to a termly</p>

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		<p>If children are attending a mainstream school part-time at the start of their Reception Year, the Council will only provide transport to school at the start of the school day and to return home at the end of the school day. Parents/carers will be responsible for transporting their children to and from school at other times of the school day before they attend full-time.</p>	<p>financial contribution from the parent/carer. Further information regarding the financial contribution is available on the Council's website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p> <p>If children are attending a mainstream school part-time at the start of their Reception Year, the Council will only provide transport to school at the start of the school day and to return home at the end of the school day. Parents/carers will be responsible for transporting their children to and from school at other times of the school day before they attend full-time.</p>
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