

**Entitlement statement for post-16 students with special educational needs or disability:**

<b>Statement of SEN or disability</b>	Transport will not normally be offered unless the student had a statement of SEN maintained until the completion of his/her secondary education or if the student has a disability which means he/she requires transport arrangements to be provided as evidenced by a doctor's certificate. During years 10 and 11 discussions will take place with students and parents about further education provision including the journey between home and learning provider.
<b>Age</b>	The student must be under 19 years of age on 1 September prior to the start of the course. Where funding is available to increase the age limit to 20 years from 19 years, for example, from the County's post-16 Transport Partnership the higher age limit will apply.
<b>Charge</b>	<b>A charge of £500 per annum to be payable by parents of students. If the student is entitled to free school meals or if their parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit, the County Council will not enforce the payment.*</b>
<b>Minimum distance</b>	The journey from home to school/learning provider must be more than three miles, measured by the nearest available walking route.
<b>Entitled within walking distance?</b>	Transport may be provided within the walking distance where this is recommended and takes into account, amongst other things, the following factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student's ability to walk</li> <li>• The student's need to be accompanied by an adult (usually parent or guardian) <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The parent's or guardian's ability to walk</li> <li>ii) The need for primary age siblings to be taken to other schools where the timing of the school day or the direction of the other school(s) prevent the parent or guardian from accompanying</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Which learning provider or school?</b>	<p>Travel assistance will be given to the nearest learning provider considered to be the most suitable placement for the student and which offers a course or programme which is designed specifically to meet the special needs of the student concerned.</p> <p>If the course or programme is not specifically designed to meet the needs of those with SEN or disability, travel assistance will be given to the nearest learning provider offering an appropriate course. A course is deemed appropriate where it enables a student to meet his or her career objectives.</p> <p>Travel assistance will be given where the entitled student continues to attend the special school or school with a sixth form named in his or her statement of SEN.</p>

**Pick-up and drop-off points**

Where the distance between a pick-up or drop-off point and home or learning provider is less than 1.5 miles, the County Council will not normally provide transport for that part of the journey.

However, transport may be provided for students within these distances where this is recommended following an assessment of their individual needs. The criteria used to determine entitlement within walking distance apply in these circumstances

**Journeys to and from other**

Transport is not offered to or from points other than the learning provider and home.

\* new feature of the policy