

Appendix 2

Paragraph for inclusion in annual Transport Policy Statement for which sets out the assistance available to post 16 students.

There is no automatic entitlement to free home to school or college transport once a student is over 16.

However, the local authority has agreed to assist with travel expenses for post-16 students with special educational needs or disability. Transport assistance will be provided in line with the criteria below; a contribution (normally from parents), towards the cost of this transport will be required. This will be charged at the same rate as the County Council's charge for school pupils travelling as 'privilege passengers' as detailed in the Home to School Transport Policy.

N.B. £473 p.a. in 2010/11 rising to £495 in 2011/12. This feature will need to be updated each year.

Transport will normally only be offered if 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.

Age	The student must be under 19 years of age on 1 September prior to the start of the course.
Income	There are no low income requirements. When the student's parents are in receipt of Income Support, Maximum Level of Working Tax Credit or income based job seekers allowance the charge will be waived.
Minimum distance	The journey from home to school/college must be more than three miles, measured by the nearest available walking route.
Entitled within walking distance?	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">• The student's ability to walk• The student's need to be accompanied by an adult (usually parent or guardian) and<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) The parent's or guardian's ability to walkii) 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
Which college or school?	Travel assistance will be given to the nearest college 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. If the course or programme is not specifically

designed to meet the needs of those with SEN, travel assistance will be given to the nearest college offering an appropriate course. A course is deemed appropriate where it enables a student to meet his or her career objectives. 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.

Pick-up and drop-off points

Where the distance between a pick-up or drop-off point and home or college 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 destinations

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