Getting Help with Travel to School or College

If you're a young person in Shropshire with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), you may be able to get help with travel to school or college.

Who Can Get Travel Assistance?

You might be eligible if:
- ✔ You live in Shropshire.
- ✔ You have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or mobility difficulties.
- ✔ Your course is linked to your EHCP goals.
- ✔ You usually live more than 3 miles from your nearest suitable school or college.
- ✔ You're attending a full-time course (15+ hours a week, at least 3 days a week).

🚫 You **won't** get travel assistance if you're on a university course, attending a school trip, or need transport for medical appointments, after-school clubs, or personal timetables.

How Can Travel Assistance Help You?

Depending on your needs, the council might offer:
A **bus or taxi** to school/college.
Independent Travel Training – helping you learn how to travel on your own safely.
A **Personal Travel Budget** – money to help your family arrange transport for you.

If your family uses their own transport, they might get **45p per mile** for two journeys a day.

What is Independent Travel Training?

This is a programme to help you feel confident using public transport. You'll learn:
- ✔ Reading timetables and planning routes.
- ✔ Road safety, including walking and cycling.
- ✔ Buying tickets and finding exits.
- ✔ Staying safe and dealing with unexpected situations.

How to Apply

Your parent or carer needs to **fill in an application form** to request travel assistance.

The council will assess your needs and let you know if you qualify.
If your application is **not approved**, you can **appeal** within 20 working days.

Reviewing Your Travel Support

Your travel support will be **reviewed regularly** to check if it's still the best option for you.
If your address, school, or needs change, your parent/carer must **tell the council straight away**.

For more details, your family can contact the Shropshire Council's [Specialist Travel Team.](#)

[Apply for transport](#)