



Post 16 Travel Assistance for students with SEND

Information for parents and carers

If a young person is assessed as eligible for post-16 travel assistance, students/parents or carers will receive a letter confirming this.

You can apply for one of the following two travel assistance options:

Option 1: Personal Transport Budget (PTB)

Option 2: Council arranged transport - subject to a fee payable to the council.

If you select option 2, it's important you know that Council-arranged transport is not free for post 16 students, even when they are assessed as eligible for travel assistance.

You must pay the yearly fee or set up a payment plan, then we will arrange the transport.

Option 1: PTB – a monthly payment paid from the council to families

A Personal Transport Budget (PTB) is a sum of money that is paid at the Council's discretion to parents or carers of young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who are eligible for travel assistance.

A PTB helps you to arrange travel to school, college or other educational setting in a way that suits the young person and your family best. PTBs are a popular choice as they give you choice and control over how the funding is used.

A PTB has many advantages over the traditional transport services that the Council provides, offering:

- an opportunity to help the young person to become more independent.
- choice and control over how the young person gets to and from their school or setting on time and ready to learn, in a way that suits both them and your family.
- a regular link to the young person's school or setting, allowing for more regular opportunities to discuss their progress.
- opportunities for you to explore shared transport arrangements with other parents.
- monthly PTB payments, so the money is available throughout the year, as you need it.



Watch a video about PTBs: <https://youtu.be/bjTgKZ1fyWk>

Or go online to:

buckinghamshire.gov.uk/personaltransportbudget

Option 2: Council arranged transport – subject to a fee payable to the council

If you do not wish to apply for a Personal Transport Budget, the Council can arrange transport for you if you pay an annual fee.

Once we complete the transport needs assessment we will:

- write to you to confirm your annual fee amount.
- provide details of the different payment options. You can make one annual payment in full, or you can arrange a termly or monthly payment plan.
- Once payment is confirmed, then we will arrange transport.



For information on the fees that must be paid for Council-arranged transport, and help with travel costs, go online to: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/transport-post-16-send