

## How do we calculate your personal travel budget?

A personal travel budget is calculated based on the distance from home to school.

The Special Educational Needs Transport Team will work out your budget with you. We want to keep things simple so you don't have to keep records or receipts; we just want to ensure your child attends school and is happy and confident.

## So what happens if you try a personal travel budget and it doesn't work out?

The local authority still has a responsibility to ensure the most vulnerable children get help when they need it. If the personal travel budget was unsuccessful or your circumstances changed we would support you to solve problems or change your personal travel budget.

**For more information about personal travel budgets or to find out how much your offer is, please phone or email us.**

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# Personal travel budgets for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities



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## Personal travel budgets for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Personal travel budgets are available for children and young people with disabilities who receive support with school transport arrangements.

If you already receive support for your child's school transport arrangements you may be entitled to a personal travel budget.

Personal travel budgets are there to make arranging transport to and from school easier. An allowance is paid to the child's family and the family can make the transport arrangements and choose the best option for their child.

### Why make travel to and from school more personal?

- Some children find the bus to school long, tiring and stressful.
- Some children want to go to an after-school club but can't because the bus/taxi leaves before the after-school club finishes.
- Some families want to take their child to school but can't afford to.

Personal travel budgets support families to choose a school transport option that suits them.

### The personal travel budget is flexible:

For example, it can be used to:

- Buy a travel pass for an adult to accompany the child to and from school.
- Pay for an escort to walk with the child to school.
- Cover the cost of driving or cycling with your child to school.
- Share travel arrangements with other parents.

### Feedback from families and children:

“I love the flexibility that the personal travel budget gives to our family.”

“My child can now attend after school clubs, she couldn't do this before as the taxi wouldn't bring her home out of normal school hours and I would have to go and pick her up myself anyway.”

“We think it is a great option for parents and carers to have available. It has proved very useful for our son as it is assisting us to manage his transition to more independent travel. The provision and flexibility provided by the Local Authority allows us to tailor what we do to what our son needs.”

“My daughter can now invite her school friend's home for tea. We couldn't do this before as the school taxi wouldn't bring another child home with her.”



- Cover the cost of child care arrangements for siblings to allow parents to take their child to school.