



Information, advice, and support

**SENDIASS**

## Quick Guide to Transport

*4.49 Local authorities must ensure that suitable travel arrangements are made where necessary to facilitate an eligible child's attendance at school. Section 508B of the Education Act 1996 requires local authorities to make such school travel arrangements as they consider necessary for children within their area.*

*SEND code of practice – January 2015*



**Children under 5 years** - Children under compulsory school age are not automatically entitled to transport to an early-years setting or school. Compulsory school age begins on the first day of the term following the child's fifth birthday, however if you feel transport is necessary – for example, because your child has a particular disability and there is no other way to get them to nursery or school – then there is the option of appealing this decision

**Children of compulsory school age (aged 5 to 16)** - Local authorities are required to arrange free, suitable, home to school transport for children of compulsory school age who may be 'eligible', to their nearest suitable qualifying school according to section 508B of the Education Act 1996

Eligible categories include - children with special educational needs, a disability or mobility difficulty, children whose route to school is unsafe, children who live beyond the statutory walking distance and children from low-income families

**Young people aged 16 to 19** - Where a young person is of 'sixth form age', the law requires local authorities to have a 'Transport Policy Statement' setting out home to school/college transport arrangements for groups of young people



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