

An overview for parents, carers, professionals and educational providers.



"ITT has given him so much more confidence and shown him how capable he is"

Parent of a ITT graduate



WHAT IS IT?

Travel assistance is available for eligible children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) living within the boundaries of Shropshire to access education.

Wherever possible, the Council expects parents/carers of children and young people to make arrangements for their child to attend school in the same way as for parents/carers of children or young people without SEN or disabilities, as this is an important factor in developing independence, social and life skills..

The aim is to ensure that all children and young people lead lives that are independent and as free from restriction as possible.

The provision of travel assistance by the Council will be based on individual needs and circumstances and have regard to the efficient use of resources.

In the provision of travel assistance, the Council will consider travel options that reduce the number and length of vehicle journeys.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE OFFERED

Once a child or young person's eligibility for travel assistance has been agreed, the Council will offer one of the following forms of assistance:



Independent Travel Training (ITT) and bus/train pass



Personal Travel Budget (PTB) / Travelling Expenses (PTE)



Assistance in the form of a Council contracted vehicle

This decision will be based on the most suitable type of Travel Assistance to meet the identified needs of the individual child or young person and will take account of the Council's duties to make the best use of its resources.

It should be noted that the type of travel assistance offered will be reviewed at least annually and may change as the needs of the child or young person change, whilst continuing to ensure the most suitable Travel Assistance is provided to meet individual needs and the best use of the Council's resources.

Travel assistance will usually only be provided for the beginning and end of the standard school/college day.

We promote peers sharing and encourage independence wherever possible'

Whilst we understand that every child/young person's needs are different, we don't usually offer assistance for the following;

Children or young people taken ill during the day.	Any type of appointments including medical or any other specialists.	Children or young people who have been excluded during the school/college day.	Breakfast or after school /college clubs /any form of childcare.	Journeys from / to alternative addresses / placements	School trips if departure and return times sit outside the normal school drop off and collection time
Journeys between different campuses of the same school or college	Individual pupil timetables	Any off site provision	Bespoke transport for examinations	Inductions, transitions or 'taster days'	

Please don't hesitate to contact the team for further information/queries:

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