

to offer the spare places to other pupils.

Even if the Council don't have to give you free transport to school, you can always ask them to. Most Councils have a policy on transport and this will tell you when you are likely to get free transport or not.

If you think that you should be getting free transport to school but the Council says no, then you may be able to take the case to court and ask the Council to think again. See the back page for more details on getting advice on this.

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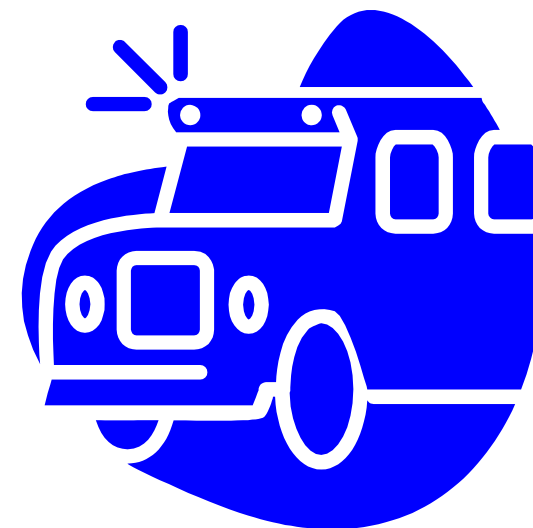
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Getting to School



If your school is a long way from where you live, you may be entitled to free transport to school.

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This leaflet is for children and young people who need extra help at school. It is also available in Braille, audio and other languages.

Ways to get to school

There are lots of different ways to get to school. Some children walk or cycle to school while others have a lift in a car or taxi, and some take the bus, train or even a ferry or plane.

The law says that you should be able to walk up to two miles to school if you are younger than 8. If you are older, you are expected to be able to

walk up to three miles. The route you are expected to walk should also be safe for you.

What if I live further away ?

If you live further away from school than that, or if it would not be safe to walk to school, the Council may have to help.

Most children who need help in getting to school are given a bus or rail pass or allowed to take a school bus or taxi to school.

In some places, you may live too far away from the school to travel there every day. Some

schools have special boarding rooms where pupils can stay during the week.

What if I don't get help ?

Not everybody gets help with travel to school. If you are in a different school because your parent(s) made a "placing request" for you to go there, then you may not be able to get free transport to school. You should get advice about this.

If there are spare places on the school bus or another vehicle being used for school transport, then the Council has