

Request for travel assistance Post-16 2020-21



Solihull and the wider West Midlands is predominantly a large urban area that is well-served by an extensive bus and rail network. The vast majority of schools and colleges are well served by this network. To support this network Solihull Council pays an annual levy (£8.5m 2019/20) to Transport for West Midlands, a proportion of which supports subsidised bus, train and tram travel for children and young people. Consequently, the vast majority of post-16 learners can access their course with subsidised travel costs using the transport network.

Solihull Council wants all young people to have the same access to opportunities in life: to travel, to get a job, have friends and relationships, to live as independently as possible, to have a good social life and to be valued in their community. Learning to travel on public transport is an essential skill. We actively promote independent travel so that all young people can access their community, training and learning opportunities as well as social and leisure activities.

High-needs students with severe mobility or learning difficulties who are unable to travel to their course independently and can prove that there is no other family member or carer who can meet their travel needs may apply for discretionary travel assistance.

The student must	
1	Live permanently in Solihull
2	Attend a full-time, suitable course at a nearby suitable school, further education college or 16-19 academy
3	Be aged 16-18 at the time of application, or have started the course before their 19 th birthday
4	Be unable to travel to their course independently

Applicants who meet the minimum criteria will be individually assessed for eligibility. Applicants who qualify may be offered a travel solution from the following:

Independent travel training	Young person or parent can apply for independent travel training
Seat on a vehicle to: Forest Oak Post-16 Hazel Oak Post-16 Merstone Special School Reynolds Cross Special School Other specialist provision	Young person or parent who qualifies for this option will have to pay a contribution of £675 per year or £225 per term, towards the cost. Low income families should approach their school or college for financial assistance through the 16-19 Bursary Fund.
Students and families in need of financial assistance for travel	Apply to their school or college for financial assistance through the 16-19 Bursary Fund

You can read the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement on our website. Go to: www.solihull.gov.uk/schools and follow the link to the transport page from 'grants and funding'.

Contact us if you need help

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 0121 704 6610

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Student's name					
Date of birth					
Address				Post code	
Parent's name					
Email					
Home phone			Mobile phone		
School or college you need to get to					
School or college address				Post code	
Start and finish times	Start:		Finish:		
Tick which days the student will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
What are you applying for?	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like independent travel training <input type="checkbox"/> I would like my a seat on a vehicle to one of the following schools and I will pay the contribution of £675 per year or £225 per term: Forest Oak Sixth Form or Hazel Oak Sixth Form Merstone Special School or Reynolds Cross Special School Other specialist provision ----- (name)				
Why are you applying for assistance?	----- ----- -----				
Evidence you need to send in support of your request	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from paediatrician or consultant stating why the student is unable to travel independently to school or college <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your DLA/PIP award letter showing receipt of mobility benefit if the student receives this.				
Office use:	Decision:			Distance:	

