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 of institution 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	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.			
Reynalds Cross Special School Other specialist provision	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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Student's name						
Date of birth						
Address				Post cod	е	
Parent's name						
Email						
Home phone	Mobile			e 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	☐ Monday	☐ Tuesday	☐ Wed	dnesday	☐ Thursday	☐ Friday
What are you applying for?	 I would like independent travel training 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:					
Why are you applying for assistance?						
Evidence you need to send in support of your request						
Office use: Decision:					Distance:	

Is there anything else you think we should consider?									
Has the student had travel assistance before?									
How does the student to college now?	ravel to school or								
How does the student to than school or college?	ravel to places othe								
Does the student have own wheelchair?	to travel in his or he	Yes / No							
If we need more information our Travel Options Assessment Officer will contact you									
l confirm that the information provided is accurate, to the best of my knowledge. Transport team is collecting your information and will use it to process your application. If you qualify for assistance we will share your data with other agencies and service providers to ensure that the appropriate service is delivered. Your information may also be shared with other council services and partner organisations to ensure our records are kept accurate and to help us to identify services or benefits you may be entitled to or interested in. We may also need to share your information for the prevention and detection of fraud and/or other crimes or as the law requires. For further information about how we use your information please refer to the Council's Privacy Statement on www.solihull.gov.uk or contact edtrans@solihull.gov.uk.									
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