



Introduction

The aim of the SEND Travel Assistance Policy is to support all children and young people with SEND to lead lives which are as independent as possible. Where appropriate, children and young people will be supported to achieve greater independence through the development of independent travel skills and the use of public transport. Darlington Borough Council will work closely with parents/carers, children, young people and schools/colleges to ensure that all play a supportive role in making this happen.

Children and young people with SEND who are eligible for assistance with their travel arrangements currently have transport by taxi or bus. We are looking at alternative ways that children and young people can be supported to attend their education establishments, and we are consulting you on the various ways that we can do this.



Annual review

To introduce an annual review of travel assistance to take account of the personal development of a child and young person with SEND and to identify opportunities to promote independence.

* 1. To what extent do you agree that there should be an annual review of transport arrangements?

Strongly agree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

2. If you have any comments about the proposal for an annual review please do so here.



Personal assistance budget

We are proposing to offer a cash allowance or direct payment in the form of a personal assistance budget to allow greater flexibility for families to make their own arrangements.

* 3. To what extent would you agree to a personal travel assistance budget?

Strongly agree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

4. If you have any comments about the proposal of a personal assistance budget please do so here.



Suitable placement

Travel assistance will be offered for the nearest suitable placement which meets a child or young person's needs.

* 5. Should the placement not be the nearest appropriate, to what extent do you agree that transport should not be provided?

Strongly agree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

6. If you have any comments about the proposal to offer assistance for the nearest suitable placement please do so here.



Independent travel training

To offer independent travel training to give children and young people the confidence and skills to attend their educational provision.

* 7. To what extent would you agree to independent travel training?

- Strongly agree Disagree
- Agree Strongly disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree

8. If you have any comments about the proposal for independent travel training please do so here.



Comment, feedback or suggestions

9. If you have any other comments, suggestions or feedback on our proposals please do so here.



Your interest

* 10. In what capacity are you responding to this survey?

- A parent / carer
- A young person
- An educational professional
- A health professional
- Other (please specify)
- A social care professional
- A governor
- A charity
- A voluntary organisation



About you - Sex

11. What is your sex?

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say



About you - Age

12. What age were you on your last birthday?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 years | <input type="radio"/> 45 - 59 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 18 - 24 years | <input type="radio"/> 60 - 75 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 25 - 34 years | <input type="radio"/> Over 75 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 35 - 44 years | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |



About you - Ethnicity

13. What ethnic group do you belong to?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British | <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British - Bangladeshi |
| <input type="radio"/> White - Irish | <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British - Chinese |
| <input type="radio"/> White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British - Other |
| <input type="radio"/> White - Other | <input type="radio"/> Black / Black British - African |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Black Caribbean | <input type="radio"/> Black / Black British - Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Black African | <input type="radio"/> Black / Black British - Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Asian | <input type="radio"/> Arab |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups - Other | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British - Indian | <input type="radio"/> Not sure / don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British - Pakistani | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |



About you - Disability

14. Do you consider yourself to have a disability

- Yes
- No
- Not sure / don't know
- Prefer not to say