

The image shows the interior of a yellow bus. The seats are blue with a colorful pattern of red, green, and orange dots and lines. Yellow handrails are visible throughout the cabin. The bus is moving, as indicated by the blurred background seen through the windows. A white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the word "Transport" in a black, sans-serif font.

Transport

General Transport Information

- Annual reviews are the opportunity to be having these conversations with families and young people
- For those aged 5-16, there are 4 categories of statutory school age students living in Buckinghamshire and attending their nearest suitable school who are eligible for Council funded travel assistance:
 - Children who live beyond the statutory walking distance
 - Children from low-income families (where extended rights apply – see section 3.5)
 - Children whose walking route to school is unsafe
 - Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN), a disability or a mobility difficulty

Further information can be found [here](#)

Post 16 Transport Policy

Travel independence is a key outcome linked to preparation for adulthood and facilitates participation in meaningful activity and employment.

Note the change in legislative framework between CYP aged 5-16 years, Post-16 & Post-19.

No automatic entitlement to free school transport at post-16. Buckinghamshire Council's School Transport Policies are available [for reference here](#).

More information on [SEND school transport](#) is available on the Local Offer

Transport Options for Post-16 Students

We need to improve communication with families about:

- Transport eligibility, and
 - The two available travel assistance options for eligible Post-16 learners with SEND.
1. **Personal Transport Budgets (PTBs)** offer greater freedom, choice and flexibility compared to Council-arranged transport. Benefits include:
 - Supporting young people to develop travel independence
 - Allowing families control over how the young person travels to and from their setting
 - Providing a regular link with the school/setting
 - Opportunities to coordinate shared travel with other families
 - Monthly payments to support ongoing travel needs.
 - Families of eligible young people can be signposted to PTB information on the Local Offer.
 2. **Council-Arranged Transport (Fee-Paying)**
 - Families can opt for Council-arranged transport, which carries an annual Post-16 SEND transport fee. Information is available on the [Local Offer](#).

Transport Eligibility

- Be 16 to 19 years old (sixth form age), or have started their current college course before their 19th birthday
- Have an [education, health and care \(EHC\) plan](#), which names the school or college they go to
- **Go to the school or college nearest their home that offers the full-time course they want to take**
- Live more than 3 miles from their school or college, as measured by us. Or they cannot walk there because of their SEND or mobility difficulty
- Be unable to travel on public transport due to their SEND or mobility difficulty

Transport Eligibility

Nearest appropriate school or setting.

- If a young person chooses to attend a setting that is not the nearest to their home, they may not be eligible for transport.
- For example, if the nearer setting offers the same course of study.

Transport Contributions

After age 16, **transport is not free**; councils are allowed to charge a contribution where the YP is eligible for transport costs.

We will assess eligibility based upon:

- Ability to travel independently
- Nature of SEND
- Distance and route
- Availability of public transport

Buckinghamshire applies this as a **fixed annual charge** if the council organises the transport (e.g. taxi or minibus).

For low-income families, there is an option for a reduced fee.

Days attending per week	Annual contribution
5 days	£1,072
4 days	£858
3 days	£643
2 days	£429
1 day	£213