

This is an Easy Read version of:  
**Home to School Travel Support Policy  
consultation 2023**



# Home to School Travel Services

Changes to travel support -  
what do you think?



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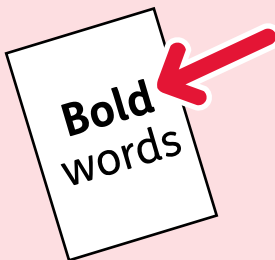
# Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.

This **word** means....



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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# About this booklet



Bristol City Council provides free support with travel to school for many children and young people in Bristol.



This includes things like free bus and train passes, fuel money for parents and carers, and free council travel to take children on their journey.

**Home to School  
Travel Services**

These are called **Home to School Travel Services**.



We want to make some changes and would like to know what you think about our ideas.

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**Wednesday**  
**17**  
**January 2024**

Please read this booklet and answer the questions by Wednesday, 17 January 2024.

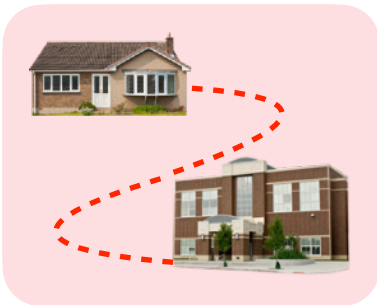
# Home to School Travel support



We work with parents and carers to make sure all children and young people can travel to school or college safely.



We provide Home to School Travel Services to families who need extra support.



Families may need extra support for different reasons, like:

- They do not live close to their nearest school or college.



- It is not safe for their child to walk or cycle to school or college.



- Their child has additional needs or disabilities which means they cannot walk to school or college.

# Changes



We have been looking at our **policies** for travel support and want to make some changes.



**Policies** are rules that set out how something should be done.

We have 2 travel support policies:



1. Home to School Travel support policy for children and young people aged 5 to 16.



2. Home to School Travel support policy for children and young people aged 16 to 25.



Next, we will ask you about our ideas for changes to the policies.

# 5 to 16 year olds



In June 2023, the Government changed their guidance for local councils on travel support for 5 to 16 year olds.



We have been looking at our travel support policy for 5 to 16 year olds to make sure it follows the new guidance.



We will not change who can apply for travel support, or the reasons for needing support.



But we are suggesting adding a new **passenger code of conduct** to the policy for the children and young people who travel to school with us.



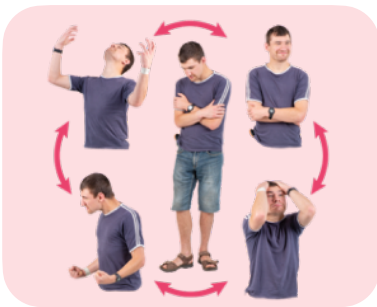
The **passenger code of conduct** will say how children should behave on Home to School Travel, like being polite and wearing a seatbelt.



The passenger code of conduct will help to keep everyone who uses our Home to School Travel Services safe.



In serious cases, if a child is making travel unsafe for other children, we may decide to provide a different type of travel support.



We know that some children and young people may have a disability or condition that affects the way they behave.



We will work with schools, parents and carers to look at how best to support these children while they travel to school.



# What do you think?



**Question 1:** Do you agree or disagree with the new passenger code of conduct in our travel support policy for 5 to 16 year olds?

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot



**Question 2:** Do you have any comments about the passenger code of conduct?

# 16 to 25 year olds



We have looked at our travel support policy for young people aged 16 to 25 to make sure it follows the Government's guidance.



We have added a list of travel support options to the policy to make them clearer to parents and carers.



We want to make a change for young people aged 16 to 18 and stop providing vehicles arranged by the council for this age group.



For any 16 to 18 year olds who travel to school with us now, we will carry on providing this until they have finished their course.

# What do you think?



**Question 3:** Do you agree or disagree with our ideas for changes to the travel support we provide for 16 to 18 year olds?

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot



**Question 4:** Please tell us why you agree or disagree and any other comments:

# When families have to apply for Home to School Travel support by



We want to change when families have to apply for travel support by.



We want to say families have to apply at least 6 weeks before to give us more time to deal with the requests.



For example, if you wanted travel support for your child to start on 4 September, we would ask you to apply by 24 July.



We will put the new dates on our website so everyone knows in plenty of time:  
[www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-local-offer](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-local-offer)

# What do you think?



**Question 5:** Do you agree or disagree with us asking families to apply at least 6 weeks before travel support is needed?

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot



**Question 6:** Would it be a problem for you if you had to apply at least 6 weeks before your child needed travel support?

No problem

A slight problem

A medium problem

A big problem



**Question 7:** You can tell us more about your answers to questions 5 and 6 here, if you want to:

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a red border, intended for the user to provide their answer to Question 7.

# Home to School Travel Services in the future



We also want to make some changes to improve Home to School Travel Services in the future.



As well as the changes we have suggested to our travel support policies, we have 2 more ideas for:

1. Independent travel training.



2. Pick up and collection points.



We will tell you more about these ideas on the next pages.

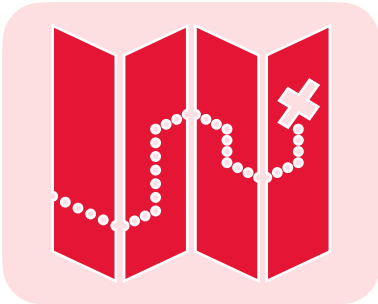
# 1. Independent travel training



We are starting a new **independent travel training** programme in Bristol.

**Independent travel training** teaches young people with additional needs how to travel on their own, including:

- How to stay safe.



- Following directions.



- Buying tickets and getting on the right bus or train.



This will be most helpful for young people aged 16 to 18 if we decide to stop providing vehicles arranged by the council.





## What do you think?

**Question 8:** Would you agree to let your child take part in independent travel training?

Yes

Probably, but I would need more information about it first

No



**Question 9:** If you answered **no** to question 8, what was your reason?

*Tick as many boxes as you want.*

My child can already travel on their own

It is not right for my child

School or college is too far for my child to travel on their own

*There are more options on the next page.*

There is not enough public transport available to school or college

We have made other travel arrangements

Another reason - please say what:

## 2. Pick up and collection points



We are thinking about using collection points for picking up children and young people who use our Home to School Travel Services.



This would mean our vehicles do not need to make as many journeys to collect children from home.



Collection points would make journeys to school shorter for everyone using Home to School Travel.

## What do you think?



**Question 10:** If we started using collection points, how far do you think it would be ok for your child to go to get to the collection point?

*These times are a guide and we know it may be different for different children.*

400 metres - this is around 6 minutes walk

800 metres - this is around 13 minutes walk

1200 metres - this is around 20 minutes walk

1600 metres - this is around 26 minutes walk

# About you



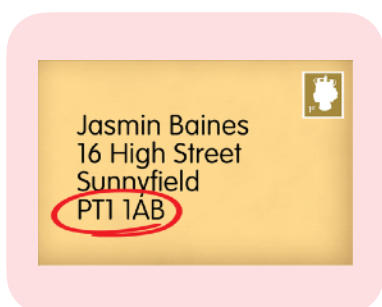
We would like to ask you some questions about yourself.



This will help us make sure we are listening to people from lots of different backgrounds.



You do not have to answer any of the questions about yourself if you do not want to.



**Question 11:** What is your postcode?



**Question 12:** Which of these best describes you?

*You can tick more than 1 option.*

- Teacher
- Parent
- Carer
- Other - please say what:



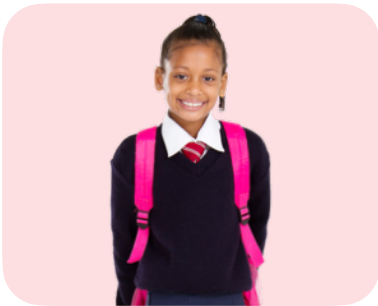
**Question 13:** Does your child use Home to School Travel Services, or have they used them in the past?

- Yes - they use Home to School Travel now
- Yes - they have used them in the past, but not any more
- No - never
- I do not have children who travel to school or college



**Question 14:** How long have you used Home to School Travel Services?

- 1 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 12 months
- 1 to 3 years
- More than 3 years
- We have not used Home to School Travel Services



**Question 15:** How does, or did, your child usually travel to school?

*Please answer whether you use Home to School Travel Services or not.*

*You can tick more than 1 option.*

- Walking
- Wheelchair

*There are more options on the next page.*

- Cycling
- Bus
- Train
- Minibus
- Taxi
- Family car or mobility vehicle
- With a travel buddy - this could be a walking buddy or a buddy on the bus
- I do not have children who travel to school or college
- Other - please say what:



**Question 16:** How old are you?

I do not want to say



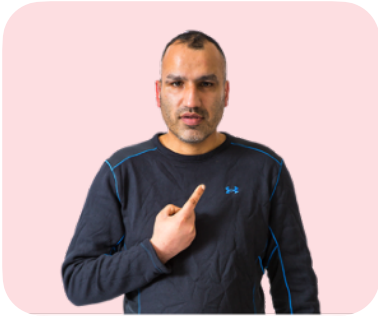
**Question 17:** Are you disabled?

Yes

No

I do not want to say





**Question 18: What is your ethnic group?**

Your **ethnic group** means your race, background or the country you or your family come from.

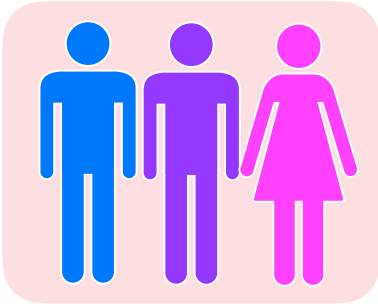
*Please tick 1 option only.*

- Asian or Asian British
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- Gypsy, Roma or Traveller
- More than 1 ethnic group
- White British
- Other White Background
- I do not want to say
- Other ethnic group - please say what:



**Question 19:** What is your religion?

- No religion
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Pagan
- Sikh
- I do not want to say
- Other - please say what:



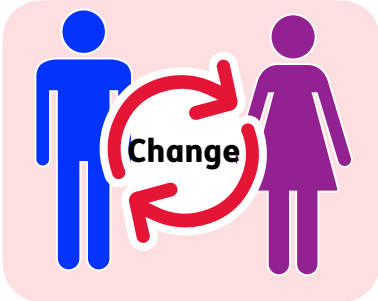
**Question 20:** What is your sex?

Female

Male

I do not want to say

I use a different word - please say below:



**Question 21:** Have you changed your gender since you were born?

Yes

No

I do not want to say

If yes, please tell us the word you use to describe your gender:



**Question 22:** What is your **sexual orientation**? **Sexual orientation** is about who you are attracted to.

Bi - I am attracted to both women and men

Gay or lesbian - I am attracted to people who are the same gender as me

Straight - I am attracted to people who are a different gender to me

I do not want to say

I use another word - please say below:



**Question 23:** Are you pregnant or have you given birth in the last 26 weeks?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



**Question 24:** Are you an unpaid carer?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



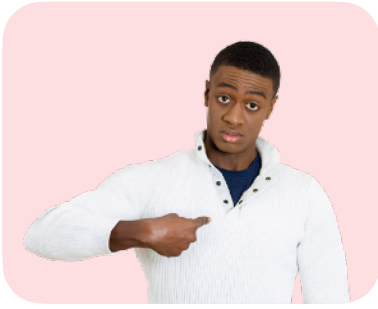
**Question 25: Are you a **refugee** or **asylum seeker**?**

**Refugees** and **asylum seekers** are people who have had to leave their country because it wasn't safe.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



**Question 26:** Do you think you will be affected by the options in this booklet because of who you are? Like your sex or ethnicity.

- I would be affected in a very bad way
- I would be affected in a bad way
- I would not be affected
- I would be affected in a good way
- I would be affected in a very good way

If you think you will be affected because of who you are, please tell us how you will be affected here:



**Question 27:** Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of these sentences:



a. There was enough information in this booklet to help me answer the questions.

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot



b. The questions in this booklet made it easy for me to give my views.

Agree a lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree a lot





c. This booklet met my needs.

Agree a  
lot

Agree

Neither

Disagree

Disagree  
a lot



If you answered 'slightly disagree' or 'Disagree a lot' for any of these sentences, please tell us why: