

Travelling to and from school/ college in Leeds



What is important to young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities?

We wanted to know what young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Leeds thought about their journeys to and from school/ college. We also wanted to learn what was most important to them when they were deciding with their families what transport arrangement they were going to use.

We hope the following summary of the young people's views and experiences will help you and your family decide about the best transport arrangement for you to get to and from school/college.

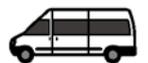
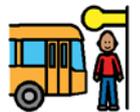
Who did we talk to?

- We visited 7 different schools.
- We spoke to 88 young people in total (from Year 8 - Post 16)



What did we learn about your journeys to and from school?

- The most popular form of transport used by young people to travel to school is minibus, followed by a public bus and then a taxi.
- Travelling by **public bus** makes young people feel independent, they enjoy the peace and quiet and being with friends but they do not like it when buses are late and unreliable and some feel anxious about other people's behaviour towards them.
- Lots of young people enjoy travelling by **minibus** because they like travelling with the same people and said it feels safe. The main reason young people do not like travelling by minibus was that it is too noisy and can take a long time.
- Feeling safe and talking to the driver are the top reasons young people said they enjoy travelling by **taxi**, but some young people said they do not like it when they are late.
- Young people who travel with an **escort / passenger** assistant on taxis / minibus said they liked how friendly and helpful they are, however they were less keen on the noise and travelling with other people.
- Having someone to talk to, build your confidence and help you be independent were the top reasons young people gave for liking travelling with their **buddy** on public transport/ walking with them. Young people gave very few examples of why they didn't like travelling with a buddy.
- The main reasons young people enjoyed **walking** to school were that they enjoy the peace and quiet or walking with friends, but they are less keen on walking in bad weather.

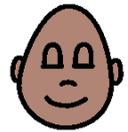


- Some young people are **taken to school by their parents/ carers** and they like this because they feel safe, get to have a chat and listen to the radio, but several young people said they would prefer to travel by themselves.



What are the top five things that are most important to you about your journey?

1. Feeling safe
2. Being on time
3. Travelling with people I know and trust
4. Travelling with /around people who are friendly, helpful and nice to me.
5. Feeling confident on my own

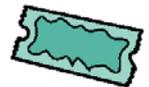


Where can I find out more information?

Passenger Transport Services award support to eligible children and young people in whichever way the team believe will be most suitable.

This may be in the form of;

- a Zero Fare School Pass,
- Independent travel training,
- a mileage allowance,
- a personal travel allowance,
- a taxi or a minibus to
- a Passenger Assistant on a taxi or minibus.



A decision about the type of support to award is made following an assessment of an application form completed by a parent or legal guardian. These forms can be found at;

[http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Transport-for-children-with-special-educational-needs-or-disability-\(SEND\).aspx](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Transport-for-children-with-special-educational-needs-or-disability-(SEND).aspx)



Alternatively, an application form can be posted to you by the team. To request a form please contact ittleeds@leeds.gov.uk or telephone 0113 378 1820 (option 2)