

## If you are under 16

The law says that some children need help with transport to school. (This law is called the Education Act 1996) These children have to be eligible.

### Are you eligible?

Is your nearest suitable school further than the Statutory Walking Distance?

- for 5-8 year olds this is 2 miles,
- for 8-16 year olds this is 3 miles



Is it hard to walk to school because of a disability, special educational needs, or mobility needs?

Is your walk to school dangerous, and your parents can't walk with you?

Do you get free school meals? or do your parents get Working Family Tax Credits?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, your Local Authority can help you with transport to school. To find out more, you can:

- Ask Solihull SENDIAS for more information & advice on **0121 516 5173** or email [solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk](mailto:solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk)
- Look on Solihull Council website <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/schooltransport> where you can see Solihull's transport policy for up to 16 &
  - [Request a school bus pass - PDF](#)
  - Learn about how Travel training can help you & apply for it <https://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/SMBCWebForms/?Form=ITT>

## If you are over 16

When you have finished Year 11, the rules about transport change & you may not be entitled to help with transport. Local authorities do not have to provide free or subsidised post-16 travel support but they do have a duty to encourage, enable & assist young people with learning difficulties &/or disabilities to participate in education & training, up to the age of 25.

### Who is eligible?

If you live in Solihull & have any of these needs, which make it hard for you to travel to college or a work placement independently & there is no family or carer to help you; your Local Authority may be able to help you. You will be assessed to see if you need transport because of:

- Communication and Interaction Difficulties
- Cognition and Learning Difficulties
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
- Sensory and/ or Physical Needs



You can apply for discretionary travel assistance providing you are:

- aged 16-18 years old, or have started the course before your 19th birthday and
- attend a full-time, suitable course at the nearest suitable school, college, institution or 16-19 academy within the West Midlands transport region.

## Bursary

If none of the above applies to you, you may be able to get a travel bursary from your school or college. Details of this should be available on their website.

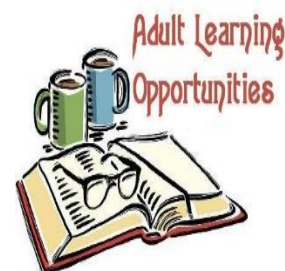
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## If you are over 19

The duty to transport students aged 19 & over is delivered by Solihull's Adult Social Care team. Travel assistance requests should be made to Adult Social Care for assessment under the terms of their policy.

[https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/Travel\\_Assistance\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/Travel_Assistance_Policy.pdf)



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