
Travel

Home to School Transport H2ST

Public Transport Forum

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Update in terms of travel arrangements for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities:

- Suffolk's Local Offer;
- Choice and control for families including a wider offer for travel and transport;
- Including trial pilot of personal budgets and independent travel training;
- Supports Preparing for Adulthood Outcomes including employment, being part of the local community;
- Area wide Ofsted/CQC inspections commence across the country from May 2016; includes travel arrangements.



H2ST – Post 16 Travel

Post 16 Travel Policy Statement for 2016-2017

- Getting Ready for September 2016

- Central point signposting students to alternative travel options to schools and colleges in Suffolk; supports choice
- Includes routes run by individual schools and colleges; supports access

- Your help – what's needed:

- Helpful information to families about travel options
- Discounts offered and published on websites
- Timetables and links to school/college times



H2ST – The Challenge

Growing and changing market place for suppliers:

- Rising home to school transport costs coming from arrangements supporting vulnerable learners – SEND, PRUs and out of county provision;
- Pressure of new developments often in countryside more than 2/3 miles away from schools;
- Academies able to change start and finish times, length of day and terms;
- Balanced against reducing public spending budgets



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White Paper – Educational Excellence Everywhere:

Three key responsibilities for local authorities:

Ensuring every child has a school place

Ensuring the needs of vulnerable pupils are met

Championing parents and families



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White Paper – Educational Excellence Everywhere:

Empowering pupils, parents and communities, with a clearly defined role for local government:

Local authorities will work with schools and parents in developing local school transport policies, giving schools the opportunity to provide school transport services where this makes sense locally;

