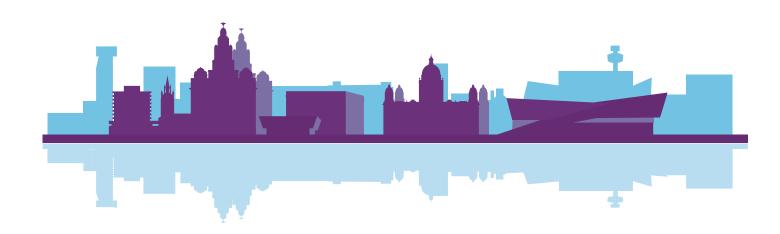


# Liverpool City Council Children and Young People's Services

Home to School Transport Policy for Compulsory School Age Pupils Academic Year 2021/22



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## HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY FOR PUPILS OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 / 20

#### 1 Introduction

This policy sets out the Local Authority's position, under current legislation, with regards to its statutory duties and discretionary powers in relation to the provision of travel support for compulsory school age pupils.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 ('the EIA 2006') inserted the following new sections into the Education Act 1996 ('the Act'): 508A, 508B, 508C, 508D, 508E, 509AD and Schedule 35B.

Section 508B of the Act deals with the general duties placed upon local authorities to ensure that suitable travel arrangements for "eligible children" in their area are made where necessary to facilitate their attendance at suitable qualifying schools or other relevant institutions where the child is receiving education.

Section 508C of the Act is concerned with travel arrangements for other children.

## 2 Travel Pass Eligibility for Children of Compulsory School Age

## 2.1 Eligibility Criteria

Compulsory school age pupils who are resident in Liverpool will be classed as eligible children if they:

 attend their nearest suitable qualifying school and meet the qualifying distance criteria as set out below;

OR

• are from a low income group family that falls within the definition as outlined in section 2.3 below.

## 2.2 Qualifying Distances

Admission to a school does not guarantee that a pupil will be given a travel pass even if the pupil lives more than the qualifying distance from the school. Parents should consider this before they express a preference for a school. A travel pass may be granted when the pupil's home is the qualifying distance from the nearest suitable qualifying school which they attend. The Local Authority will determine which is the nearest suitable qualifying school for the purposes of travel pass eligibility. "Nearest suitable qualifying school" is defined in paragraph 2.5 below.

The qualifying walking distances from home to the nearest suitable qualifying school are:

- for children aged under eight the qualifying distance is 2 miles or more:
- for children aged eight or over the qualifying distance is 3 miles or more, unless they qualify on low income grounds. (please refer to section 7.1

for the qualifying distance for children between eight and ten years which has been reduced to 2 miles under discretionary power)

#### 2.3 Low Income Families

In addition to the eligibility criteria stated in paragraph 2.2 above, the EIA 2006 includes an extension of the right to free travel for children from low income groups. The Act defines children from low income groups as those who are entitled to free school meals, or whose families are in receipt of the <a href="maximum">maximum</a> level of Working Tax Credit. (Please refer to section 7.12 which give extended rights under discretionary power.)

## Secondary age pupils

Children aged 11 - 16 from low income families are entitled to free travel to one of their nearest three suitable qualifying schools where they live more than 2 miles, but less than 6 miles from that school.

Children from low income families who attend the nearest suitable qualifying school preferred on grounds of religion or belief are entitled to free transport where they live more than 2 miles, but not more than 15 miles from that school. The **2 mile** lower limit will be measured along the **shortest walking route**. The **6 and 15 mile** upper limits will be measured by the **shortest available road route**.

Low income eligibility is reviewed on an annual basis through the renewal process and all relevant information must be provided with the application.

## 2.4 Types of Qualifying Schools

These are the types of qualifying schools, colleges and academies:

- Community, controlled, trust, foundation or voluntary schools;
- Community or foundation special schools;
- Non-maintained special schools;
- Pupil referral units;
- Maintained nursery schools; or
- Academies:
- Studio Schools and University Technical Colleges (UTC)\*\*

In relation to a child with Special Educational Needs (SEN), an independent school (other than a City Technology College, City College for the Technology of the Arts or Academy) will be a qualifying school if it is the only school named in the child's statement or EHC plan, or it is the nearest of 2 or more schools named in the statement or EHC plan.

#### 2.5 Nearest Suitable Qualifying School

For the purposes of travel pass eligibility, the Local Authority will determine the 'nearest suitable, qualifying school' as:

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note for the purposes of this policy the Studio School and UTC within Liverpool only apply as a qualifying school for pupils attending Year 10 and Year 11.

the nearest school to the pupil's home, with places available, that provides education appropriate to the age, ability and aptitude of the child and falls within the same category of schools as the one at which the pupil has been offered and accepted a place.

This could mean that a child who might qualify for a travel pass on distance criteria to a particular school will not be entitled to a pass because the Local Authority has determined that there is a suitable qualifying school with places available closer to the child's home.

Qualifying schools have been categorised as follows:

- (a) Non-faith
- (b) Catholic and Joint-faith
- (c) Church of England
- (d) Jewish
- (e) Studio Schools and University Technical Colleges (UTC)

A list showing the categories of schools and academies in Liverpool is attached at Annex A.

In determining the nearest suitable qualifying school as outlined above, the Local Authority is exercising its discretionary powers to have regard to the wishes of a parent for their child to be provided with education at a particular school on the grounds of parents' religious or cultural beliefs in accordance with the provisions of the Equality Act 2006.

Where a child requires education at a single sex school as an essential requirement of their culture, and he or she meets the low income or distance criteria for a travel pass, then provided there are no places available at a similar suitable qualifying school closer to the child's home, the child will be eligible for a travel pass. Parents/carers must submit a letter from a person of standing in their community, e.g. religious leader, supporting the application.

#### 2.6 Parental Preference for a school

Whilst parents/carers have the right to express a preference for which school they wish their child to attend, a pupil who attends a school which is further away than the nearest suitable qualifying school with places available will not be eligible for transport support, even if the distance from home to the school they attend is more than the qualifying walking distance.

Any travelling arrangements or expenses will be the responsibility of parents if there is a nearer suitable qualifying school. It is the parents' or carers' responsibility to ensure that their child gets to school safely, and they should consider the practicalities of choosing a school that is not within the qualifying walking distance.

## 3 Safety of the Route

- 3.1 Where children live within the qualifying walking distance to their nearest suitable qualifying school, but the nature of the route is such that a child cannot realistically be expected to walk in reasonable safety, the Local Authority may be under a duty to make travel arrangements to school. In such cases the Authority may undertake a risk assessment of the route.
- 3.2 The Local Authority is under a duty to consider transport support in situations where the parent of a child is disabled and where the nature of the walking route is such that the child would need to be accompanied for the route to be considered safe.

## 4 Compulsory School Aged Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

This section is applicable to compulsory school aged pupils with Special Educational Needs. Some children with SEN, by reason of their SEN, may be unable to walk even relatively short distances to school. *Please refer to Section* 11.3 for a definition of SEN for transport support eligibility.

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring children and young people get safely to school on time. As a general rule Liverpool City Council expects parents/carers of children and young people with SEN to make arrangements for their child to attend school in the same way as for parents without SEN as this is an important factor in developing the child or young person's independence, social and life skills. The Council has a duty to make the most efficient and effective use of the resources it has available to it.

For parent/carer accompaniment responsibility please refer to section 6.2

An Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan <u>or</u> placement within a Local authority specialist resourced provision does not guarantee travel or transport support.

- 4.1 Only nominated officers from the Fleet Transport Services Team may agree this provision.
- 4.2 Applications are considered on an individual basis. We will take into account whether your child is able to walk, accompanied if necessary, *please refer to section 6.1 for further information*. Whether they are able to use public transport or whether due to the nature of their special needs your child requires assistance. Transport assistance will only be considered between home and school.

Your child must be attending the nearest available school which meets their needs, *please refer to section 11.5 if your child is attending a mainstream school.* If you chose to send them to a school further away from your home, then you will have to pay the cost of the transport.

Eligibility, for such children will be assessed on an individual basis to identify their particular transport requirements. Usual transport requirements such as

- the statutory walking distances will not be considered when assessing the transport needs of children eligible due to SEN.
- 4.3 Officers will base their decision on information detailed in the pupil's most recent assessment received from the local authority SEN team and other outside professionals that may be involved with the pupil. Although consultation will be undertaken with the pupil's current school, officers will be unable to base their decision on an individual letter of support from the school SENCO.

## 4.4 Independent Travel Training for Secondary School age pupils

- 4.41 At the time of referral, officers will request an assessment for suitability for Independent Travel Training. Independent Travel Training is open to young people aged 18 years (by the 31st August) and under who are eligible for SEN Transport. For further details about the Independent Travel Training programme and eligibility criteria, please refer to section 11.6.
- 4.42 Pupils with special educational needs and disabilities will be supported through Independent Travel Training where appropriate and encouraged to develop their independence by using public transport.
- 4.43 If a pupil is deemed suitable to undertake Independent Travel Training, the cost of bus travel will be provided during the training programme for pupils not eligible for a Merseytravel Disabled Person's Travel Pass. If the pupil has transport support this will continue on a temporary basis on the days not undertaking scheduled training, pending the outcome of the Travel Trainer report on completion of the programme.
- 4.44 For secondary school age pupils who are able to access public transport, following participation in the Independent Travel Training programme, a travel pass will be provided for the rest of the academic year in which training was undertaken to those pupils not eligible for a Mersytravel Disabled Person's Travel Pass. Eligibility for a travel pass will be reviewed on an annual basis.

## 4.5 Eligible Pupils with Special Educational Needs

- 4.51 To be eligible for travel support the pupil must be attending a school or resourced unit within a school that the local authority has deemed the most appropriate to meet the pupil's need.
- 4.52 Travel support will not normally be given where the parents or carers have requested that a school be named in the Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, which is not the nearest available school able to meet the pupil's needs.
- 4.53 Where a pupil is eligible for transport support, the local authority has a statutory duty for the pupil only and family circumstances, the needs of siblings and working times of parents, cannot be taken into account.

- 4.54 Transport will only be provided to the pupil's home address for journeys at the standard school start and finish times within the boundary of the City of Liverpool. Additional or irregular journeys set by schools will be funded by the school.
- 4.55 In the case of an independent school, this will be a qualifying school if it is the school named in the child's statement or EHC plan, or it is the nearest of 2 or more schools named in EHC Plan. The school will only be identified as a qualifying school if it has been named in the EHC Plan through agreement with the local authority.
- 4.56 Transport for pupils attending schools outside the Liverpool City boundary will only be considered where the local authority has deemed this to be the most appropriate school to meet the pupil's needs.
- 4.57 Where a parent/carer is willing to transport the pupil to school, they can apply for a personal transport budget. Where this is the most cost effective transport option, and the local authority is satisfied that attendance would not be affected, the parent/carer will be awarded £3.00 per day plus 45p per mile for journeys within the Liverpool City boundary up to a maximum of 2 return journeys per day subject to attendance at school. Separate arrangements will be made to meet the costs of journeys outside Liverpool. This will be subject to an annual review.

## 4.6 Pupils with SEN attending mainstream provision

- 4.61 Where a pupil attends a mainstream school and has not been placed in a local authority resourced unit by the SEN team, to qualify for transport support they must be attending their nearest suitable school with places available, please refer to section 2.5.
- 4.62 Where a pupil attends a faith school, they will only be eligible if they are attending their nearest faith school within the same category of schools. These are listed in Annex A.

## 5. Compulsory School Aged Pupils with Disability or Mobility Problems

This section is applicable to compulsory school aged pupils with disability or mobility problems. Eligibility will be assessed on an individual basis to identify their particular transport requirements. Please refer to section 11.4 for a definition of disability for transport support.

#### 5.1 Short Term Disability/Mobility problems

In exceptional circumstances, provision will be made on a short-term basis for children with a disability/mobility problem caused, for example, by a temporary medical condition (such as a broken leg) or recovering from a serious illness who may also be unable to walk to school. Where such children attend a suitable qualifying school, which is within the qualifying walking distance, and no suitable alternative arrangements have been made by the Local Authority, they will be

deemed 'eligible children'. Medical evidence must be provided to support the application and support will not normally be agreed to exceed one school term, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## 5.2 Long Term Disability/Mobility problems

Eligibility for transport provision will be considered for all compulsory school aged pupils who cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school because of the substantial long—term effects of their mobility/disability that prevents them from carrying out normal day-to-day activities. To be eligible for travel support, the pupil must be attending their nearest suitable school or a school that the local authority's SEN team has deemed the most appropriate to meet the pupil's need. Where a school has been selected through parental preference, transport will not be provided. Medical evidence must be provided to support the application. All applications under this category will be considered by the Home to School Transport Review Panel.

Eligibility, for such children will be assessed on an individual basis to identify their particular transport requirements. Usual transport requirements such as the statutory walking distances will not be considered when assessing the transport needs of children eligible due to disability.

## 5.3 Parental Accompaniment – disabled parents

If a child is reliant on being accompanied by disabled parent(s) along a walking route for it to be considered safe, where the parent(s) disability prevented them from doing so, he or she may also be deemed eligible. Medical evidence must be provided to support the application.

5.4 Pupils with disability or mobility problems attending a mainstream school.

Where a pupil attends a mainstream school and has not been placed in a local authority resourced unit by the SEN team, to qualify for transport support they must be attending their nearest suitable school with places available, *please refer to section 2.5 and section 11.5 for further information.* 

#### 6. General conditions for pupils with SEN or Disability/Mobility problems

#### 6.1. Accompaniment

In determining whether a child cannot reasonably be expected to walk for the purposes of 'special educational needs, a disability or mobility problems eligibility' the local authority will need to consider whether the child could reasonably be expected to walk if accompanied and, if so, whether the child's parent/carer can reasonably be expected to accompany the child. When considering whether a child's parent/carer can reasonably be expected to accompany the child on the journey to school a range of factors may need to be taken into account, such as the age of the child and whether one would ordinarily expect a child of that age to be accompanied.

The general expectation is that a child will be accompanied by a parent/carer where necessary, unless there is a good reason why it is not reasonable to expect the parent/career to do so.

- 6.2. Transport provision will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the pupil's annual review, or when updated medical evidence is requested for pupils who are in receipt of transport for medical related conditions. Provision may be amended or withdrawn subject to the recommendation made within this. Pupils will continue to receive support for the full academic year where provision is made for pupils with SEN or long term disability or medical problems. For pupils with short term disability or medical problems, provision is only provided on a temporary basis so can be amended or withdrawn at the end of the temporary period set out.
- 6.3. All referrals for transport will be considered within one working week of receipt by the SEN Transport Team.
- 6.4. Where an educational placement is joint funded by two or more agencies, the Local Authority will only meet the proportionate cost of any transport arrangements.
- 6.5. Where the above criteria are not met by the applicant, or a parent/carer feels that a decision on eligibility or the type of transport provision is unreasonable, the parent/carer may submit an appeal via the City Council's agreed appeal procedure, please refer to section 9 for full details.

## 7 Other Types of Eligibility under the Local Authority's Discretionary Powers

7.1 Pupils aged 8 to 10 years

For pupils aged 8 years to 10 years the qualifying distance is 2 miles.

#### 7.2 Year 6 pupils

Pupils in year 6 who move to a new home in Liverpool that is more than the qualifying walking distance from their current suitable qualifying school will be eligible for travel support to enable them to continue their education in their current suitable qualifying school. Such support will finish at the end of year 6 and the maximum assistance that will be provided is equivalent to the cost of a Merseytravel Solo ticket.

#### 7.3 Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils

Pupils in year 9, 10 or 11 who move to a new home in Liverpool that is more than the qualifying walking distance from their **current** suitable qualifying school will be eligible for travel support to enable them to continue their education in their current suitable qualifying school. Eligibility for this protection will be based on the academic year of application. For example, pupils who move home in year 9 then submit their application in Y10 or Y11 will not be eligible.

Pupils in year 9, 10 or 11 who move into a new home in Liverpool and change schools will not be eligible for the same protection.

Such support will finish at the end of year 11 and the maximum assistance that will be provided is equivalent to the cost of a Merseytravel Solo ticket.

## 7.4 Secondary Education Centre

The Secondary Education Centre is a pupil referral unit. Travel arrangements for pupils at this centre will be determined by the Local Authority following assessment of the individual child's circumstances.

#### 7.5 Permanent Exclusions

Where, following permanent exclusion, a pupil is placed in a suitable qualifying school that is over the qualifying walking distance from home by the Liverpool Fair Access Panel, the pupil will be eligible for a travel pass.

## 7.6 Negotiated Transfers

Where a pupil is undertaking a negotiated transfer, they will not be eligible for a travel pass. If the placement is agreed as a permanent transfer, then the pupil will be assessed for eligibility under the criteria set out within this policy.

#### 7.7 Parental Choice of School

Where a pupil is entitled to free transport to attend the nearest suitable school, but the parent has chosen another school which is more than the qualifying statutory distance, the local authority may exercise discretion to award support to the further school, provided that there are no additional costs to the local authority arising from this decision.

#### 7.8 Catholic Parish Boundaries

Given that admission to Catholic Secondary schools is based on feeder parishes, even if there is a nearer suitable qualifying school, a pupil will be entitled to home to school transport support to attend their designated parish school if this is more than the qualifying distance from their home. This does not apply to a pupil attending a designated feeder school; it only applies to pupils resident in a feeder parish of their allocated school.

## 7.9 Domestic Violence

In cases of domestic violence, where a child has moved to a refuge or had an emergency house move and they meet the qualifying distance criteria they will be eligible for a travel pass to enable them to continue attending their current school where it is no longer their nearest school.

#### 7.10 Looked After Children

Where a looked after child has moved to a new placement and they meet the qualifying distance criteria they will be eligible for a travel pass to enable them to continue attending their current school where it is no longer their nearest school.

## 7.11 Emergency Orders/Special Guardianship Orders

Where an emergency order has been placed on a child or a Special Guardianship Order and the case is being determined and they meet the qualifying distance criteria they will be eligible for a travel pass to enable them to continue attending their current school where it is no longer their nearest school.

#### 7.12 Low income families

## Working Tax credit

Where a parent has had a reduction to their Maximum Working Tax Credit that is less than the cost of a standard Solo travel pass and they meet the distance criteria they will be eligible for support.

## **Universal Credit**

Where a parent has a level of earnings above the Universal Credit threshold for Free School Meals eligibility that is less than the cost of a standard Solo travel pass and they meet the distance criteria they will be eligible for support.

## 8 Types of Transport Provided

Assistance with travel will be provided in the following ways.

- 8.1 By pre-paid Merseytravel SOLO ticket for use on public bus services. The ticket will cover areas within the Merseytravel area required for transport from home to school. If this involves more than one mode of transport (bus and train) a TRIO ticket may be issued and a charge may apply. For pupils with SEN or disability or mobility problems, a travel pass will only be provided if the pupil is not eligible for a Merseytravel Disabled Person's Travel Pass.
- 8.2 If the Local Authority considers that a travel pass is inappropriate for a child, transport will be by minibus or other vehicle contracted by the Local Authority.

Whenever possible, pupils will travel together in mini-buses or taxis. These will be specially adapted to meet the needs of those young people travelling on them. Each route will be planned on the basis of school start and finish times and the shortest possible route for all young people travelling on a particular vehicle.

Pupils will be picked up and dropped off at a convenient location, within a reasonable distance from their home, in many cases from recognised bus stops. Parents/carers are required to ensure their children get to and from the nearest pick up point. A home pick up and drop off will only be made where it is deemed essential due to the young person's significant needs.

8.3 Where the Local Authority determines that a child is entitled to transport, but there are exceptional circumstances which prevent this (e.g. if there is a health and safety risk and the parent can offer specialist support which would

otherwise not be available), parents may make their own home to school travel arrangements for their child. In these circumstances, parents can apply for a personal transport budget as set out in *section 4.57* above.

8.4 If a pupil is awarded assistance with school transport but wishes to use a dedicated school bus where public transport is not available, it may be possible for the parent to be reimbursed the cost of travel subject to a maximum limit equivalent to the cost of a Merseytravel Solo ticket.

## 9 Appeals Procedure

A parent/carer or student who wishes to appeal against a decision not to provide transport support may do so via the City Councils agreed appeals procedures.

In line with statutory guidance, the appeal process is two stage process:

- Stage One is a review of your case by the Travel Support Review Panel which is comprised of senior officers
- Stage Two is a review of your case by the Travel Support Appeal Panel.
   The Appeal Panel is an independent panel comprised of elected members and will consider both verbal and written representations from parents and carers.

Further details about the appeals procedure, the appeals form and a guidance document for parents and carers can be obtained from;

#### www.liverpool.gov.uk/schooltravelpass

#### 10 General Conditions

- 10.1 The Local Authority may withdraw transport support from any pupil whose behaviour during the journey to and from school is not of an acceptable standard.
- 10.2 Where, for any reason, transport support is approved in error, the Local Authority reserves the right to withdraw that provision at any time.
- 10.3 Parents must notify the Local Authority if there is a change of address or a change of school as this may affect entitlement to free transport. Eligibility will be reassessed taking into account the new circumstances.
- 10.4 Pupils who are entitled to free travel support based on the low income criterion, and whose family's financial circumstances change mid-year, will continue to receive a bus pass until the end of the academic year.
- 10.5 In cases where a travel pass is granted part way through the academic year, following an appeal, the parent may request a reimbursement of travel costs from the date the initial application was date stamped by the local authority to the date the travel pass was issued. Reimbursement of travel expenses will

be paid at a rate equivalent to the cost to the Local Authority of the daily rate of a Merseytravel bus pass.

The payment may be subject to confirmation of the pupil's daily attendance at school and the Local Authority may contact the pupil's school to confirm actual attendance details.

- 10.6 Parents are required to submit any evidence requested by the Local Authority in connection with the application. This may include proof of residence in Liverpool, evidence of income or relevant information about a child's or family's circumstances.
- 10.7 Theft of a bus pass must be reported to the police, where appropriate, by the parent or carer. The Local Authority reserves the right to request further information regarding the loss or theft of a bus pass from other bodies, such as Merseytravel or the police. In cases where a duplicate bus pass is required, an administration charge of £10 will be levied.
- 10.8 Eligibility for travel passes is reviewed annually and parents or carers are required to complete a renewal application form on an annual basis If your circumstances change you may cease to be eligible for a travel pass.
- 10.9 The Local Authority reserves the right to withdraw a travel pass where the applicant has given fraudulent or deliberately misleading information to obtain the pass.

## 11 Definitions

The following are definitions of terms used to determine eligibility for travel passes.

#### 11.1 Definition of 'Home Address'

When determining eligibility for a travel pass the child's permanent home address is used. This is defined as the permanent home address of the parent/carer. If parents/carers live at different addresses and both have parental responsibility, the address of the person claiming Child Benefit will be used to determine the child's permanent address. Parents/carers may be required to provide proof of residence in the form of a recent council tax bill, a utility bill, a tenancy agreement or exchange of contracts on a new home.

#### 11.2 Definition of 'Distance from home to school'

Distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the main entrance of the child's permanent home address (including flats and apartments) to the main entrance of the school using the City Council's computerised measuring system. This system follows paved, lit roads and paved, lit footpaths that the City Council considers are safe walking routes. These road network used to calculate distance is subject to change.

Measurements using other geographical systems such as Multimap, AA or RAC will not be accepted.

The Local Authority reserves the right to change the geographical measuring system at any time.

## 11.3 Definition of Special Educational Needs (SEN) for transport support

SEN is defined as all pupils with an Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) **or** have been placed by the Local Authority SEN Team within local authority specialist/resourced provision.

## 11.4 Definition of Disability for transport support

As per Schedule 35 of the Act, disability is as defined in Section 6 of Education Act 2010: a person has a disability if they have (a) physical or mental impairment, and (b) that impairment has a substantial long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. Therefore a chronic health condition may lead to eligibility under this definition.

## 11.5 Definition - SEN support in mainstream schools

The Children and Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice place a statutory duty on all schools to identify and address the special educational needs of the pupils that they support. Section 6.2 of the Code of Practice states:

'Mainstream schools **must** use their best endeavours to make sure that a child with SEN gets the support they need – this means doing everything they can to meet children and young people's SEN.'

Under the Equality Act 2010, all schools have duties towards individual disabled children and young people. They **must** make reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services for disabled children to prevent them being put at a substantial disadvantage.

The Children and Families Act 2014 placed a duty on maintained schools and academies to make arrangements to support pupils with medical conditions. Individual healthcare plans will normally specify the type and level of support required to meet the medical needs of such pupils. Schools are required to have regard to statutory guidance 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'.

Where a pupil is identified as having SEN, schools should take action to remove barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place.

All mainstream schools are provided with resources to support those with additional needs, including those with SEN and disabilities.

#### 11.6 The Independent Travel Training Programme

The Independent Travel Training (ITT) service offers children and young people who have Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (**SEND**) a set of essential skills, enabling them to travel independently to and from school and college. It is open to

young people aged 18 years (by the 31<sup>st</sup> August) and under who are eligible for SEN Transport. This service promotes independence, increases confidence, improves social skills and opens up routes to further education, employment and leisure.

Each personalised training programme is flexible to meet the young person's needs and is authorised by parents/carers. It will allow students to learn at their own individual pace. Training/support is gradually phased out until the individual feels competent enough to carry out the journey from home to their place of education and return.

For further details please access the link below:

<u>Liverpool Early Help Directory | Transport www.liverpool.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning/specialeducationalneeds/SENDlocaloffer</u>

## Annex A: Suitable Qualifying Schools

All suitable qualifying schools will be categorised as follows;

- (a) Non faith schools
- (b) Catholic and Joint Faith schools
- (c) Church of England schools
- (d) Jewish Schools
- (e) Studio schools and UTCs

Liverpool secondary schools fall into those categories as follows;

#### Non Faith Secondary schools

Alsop High School
Belvedere Academy \*
Broadgreen International School
Calderstones School
Childwall Sports College
Fazakerley High School
Gateacre Community Comprehensive
Holly Lodge Girl's College \*
King's Leadership Academy
Liverpool College
North Liverpool Academy
The Blue Coat
West Derby Comprehensive \*

# Catholic Secondary and Joint Faith Secondary schools

Archbishop Beck Catholic
Bellerive FCJ Catholic College \*
Broughton Hall Catholic High \*
Cardinal Heenan Catholic High \*
Notre Dame
St Edward's College
St Francis of Assisi Academy
St Francis Xavier's College \*
St John Bosco Arts College \*
St Julie's Catholic High \*
The Academy of St Nicholas
The De La Salle Academy \*

## **Church of England Secondary Schools**

Archbishop Blanch \*
St Hilda's
St Margaret's \*

## **Jewish Secondary School**

King David High

## Studio Schools and University Technical Colleges (UTC)

Liverpool Life Sciences UTC The Studio School Years 10 & Year 11 only

## \* Single sex schools

When determining eligibility for a travel pass the Local Authority will consider coeducational schools as suitable qualifying schools for applicants. The Local Authority will not consider single sex schools which only admit children of the opposite sex to the child as suitable qualifying schools. When determining eligibility for a travel pass the Local Authority will take into account the applicants who require a single school for cultural or religious reasons.

Liverpool primary schools fall into those categories as follows;

## **Non Faith Primary Schools**

Anfield Primary School Banks Road Primary School Barlows Primary School Belle Vale Primary School Blackmoor Park Infant School Blackmoor Park Junior School Blueberry Park Primary School Booker Avenue Infant School Booker Avenue Junior School **Broad Square Primary School** Broadgreen Primary School Childwall Valley Primary School Corinthian Primary School Croxteth Primary School **Dovecot Primary School** Dovedale Primary School Fazakerley Primary School Four Oaks Primary School Florence Melly Primary School Gilmour Infant School Gilmour Junior School Greenbank Primary School Gwladys Street Primary School Hey Green Academy Hunts Cross Primary School Kensington Primary School Kingsley Primary School Knotty Ash Primary School Lawrence Primary School Leamington Primary School LIPA Primary School Lister Infant School Lister Junior School Liverpool College Longmoor Primary School Mab Lane Primary School Matthew Arnold Primary School Middlefield Primary School Monksdown Primary School Mosspits Lane Primary School New Park Primary School Norman Pannell Primary School Northcote Primary School Northway Primary School Phoenix Primary School Pinehurst Primary School Pleasant Street Primary School Ranworth Square Primary School Rice Lane Primary School

Roscoe Primary School
Rudston Primary School
Smithdown Primary School
Springwood Heath Primary School
Stockton Wood Primary School
St Michael in the Hamlet Primary School
Sudley Infant School
Sudley Junior School
Wellesbourne Primary School
Whitefield Primary School
Windsor Primary School
Woolton Primary School

## Catholic and Joint Faith Primary Schools

All Saints' Catholic Primary School Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Emmaus Catholic & C of E Primary School

Faith Catholic & C of E Primary School Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Holy Family Catholic Primary School Holy Name Catholic Primary School Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School Much Woolton Catholic Primary School Our Lady & St Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Our Lady & St Swithin's Catholic Primary School

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School

Our Lady's Bishop Eton Catholic Primary

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School St Ambrose Catholic Primary School St Anne's Catholic Primary School St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School

St Austin's Catholic Primary School St Cecilia's Catholic Infant School St Cecilia's Catholic Junior School St Charles' Catholic Primary School St Christopher's Catholic Primary School St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School St Finbar's Catholic Primary School

St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant School

- St Francis de Sales Catholic Junior School
- St Gregory's Catholic Primary School
- St Hugh's Catholic Primary School
- St John's Catholic Primary School
- St Matthew's Catholic Primary School
- St Michael's Catholic Primary School
- St Nicholas' Catholic Primary School
- St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
- St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
- St Paul's & St Timothy's Catholic Infant School
- St Paul's Catholic Junior School
- St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School
- St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School
- St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School The Trinity Catholic Primary School

## **Church of England Primary Schools**

#### **Voluntary Aided**

Bishop Martin C of E Primary School Childwall C of E Primary School Kirkdale St Lawrence C of E Primary School

St Anne's [Stanley] C of E Primary School

St Mary's [West Derby] C of E Primary School

#### Controlled

Arnot St Mary C of E Primary School St Cleopas' C of E Primary School St Margaret's [Anfield] C of E Primary School

Wavertree C of E Primary School

#### **CE Academies**

Garston C of E Primary School St Silas Academy The Beacon C of E Primary School

## **Jewish Primary School**

King David Primary School