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Help with travel for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to access education or training.

Overview

This policy explains how we can support children and young people with SEND to get to school or college up to the age of 25.

The aim of this policy is, wherever possible, to work with the family and young person to develop a travel solution enabling the child or young person to access education in the same way that members of their peer group who do not have a special educational need or disability would access their education.

Wherever possible, it is expected that parent/carers of children and young people with SEND make arrangements for their child to attend school or college in the same way as for parents/carers of children and young people who do not have SEND.

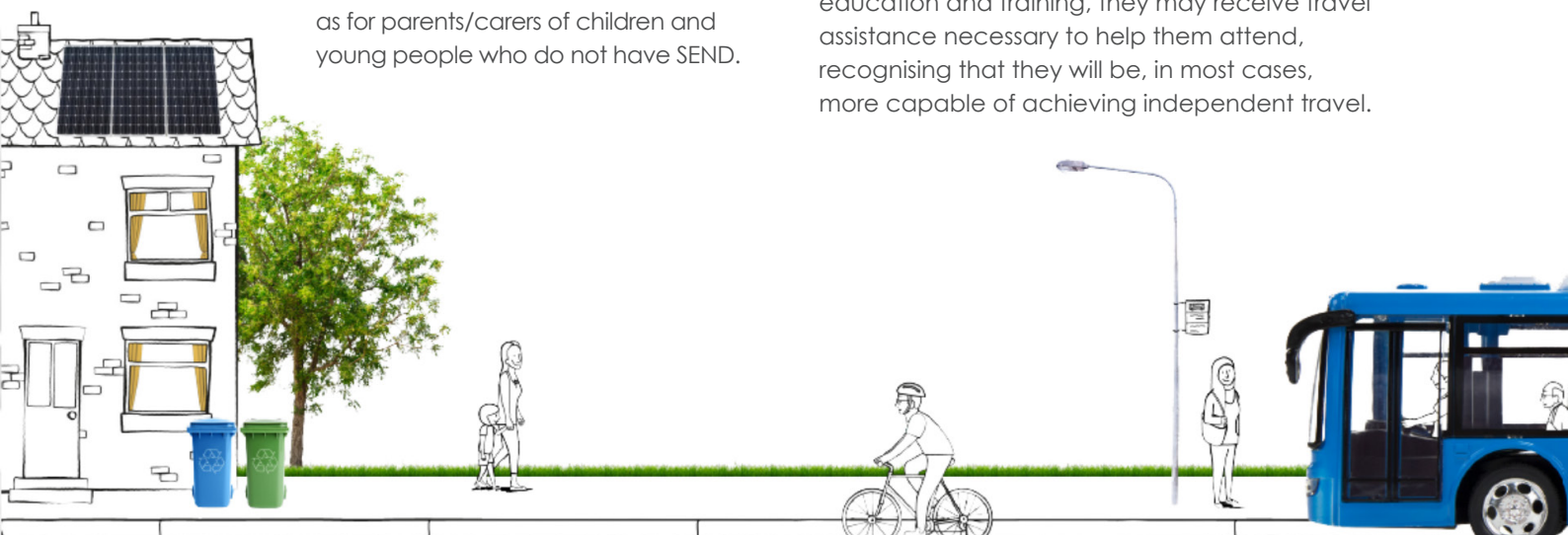
Eligibility

Eligibility will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

If a child or young person is at school from reception to Year 11 they will be eligible if they cannot walk to school, even with help from parents/carers.

When the child or young person moves into post-16 education parents/carers must reapply, and the child/young person will then be reassessed. The child/young person will be eligible if their needs are such that they cannot reasonably access education or training.

When a young person is aged 19 to 25, and has an Education and Health Care Plan and is accessing education and training, they may receive travel assistance necessary to help them attend, recognising that they will be, in most cases, more capable of achieving independent travel.



Type of Travel Solution

The Council has a duty to promote the use of sustainable travel and transport. Therefore the following are examples of travel solutions which may be offered:

- Travel Pass to allow for travel on Manchester's buses, trains and trams
- The option of a personal transport budget
- Independent travel training
- Walking bus scheme
- A one off payment to purchase a bicycle
- Buddying service to support children and young people on public transport
- In some cases Manchester may provide a vehicle to help transport the child or young person
- We will decide if a passenger assistant is required to support the child/young person when travelling

Changes to arrangements

We review our transport arrangements regularly to ensure best value for money is achieved. Sometimes we will need to make changes to the travel solution provided.



How to apply

The fact that a child or young person has an Education and Health Care Plan or attends a special school does not automatically entitle them to transport assistance.

Parents/Carers will need to:



fill in an
application form



call us on
0161 219 6400



Or email us
hometoschool@manchester.gov.uk

Following receiving the application, we will review this in line with our policy, before informing parents/carers of the outcome.



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