



Leicestershire
County Council

Personal Transport Budgets

Get paid to take control of your
child's school transport



Are you a parent or carer of someone with special educational needs or a disability?
Do you want more control over your travel plans – plus a boost to your household budget?

A personal transport budget will help you to get your child to school.

You can apply if your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) – and is eligible for school transport.

Why choose a personal budget?

Freedom to make your own arrangements – to suit your family

Control over how the money is spent

Your child may be more secure and relaxed at school

You can share the cost and save money by joining up with other parents

You could use the money to help your child become more independent

How much is on offer?

Your personal payment will depend on:



YOUR CHILD'S AGE



TIMETABLE



DISTANCE FROM HOME TO SCHOOL

(using the council's measuring software)

For example:



You live 10 miles from your child's school



They're 8 years old



They attend every day



£3k
PER YEAR

Payments are tax-free and won't affect other benefits.

How will it work?

- You'll get a card – loaded with the money we've agreed each month. You can use it like a normal debit card.
- Each year we'll review the plan with you and the school - to make sure everyone is happy with the arrangement.
- You must spend the money in a way that ensures your child can get to school.

Arrange for a friend or relative to cycle or walk with your child

Car share with other parents

Pay for childcare for a younger child – so you can take your child to school

Get a bus pass for a friend to go with your child

Pay for a bus pass for your child

Work with the school to join up with other parents

The infographic features several icons: a child on a bicycle, a woman walking a child, a car with two people inside, a bus, and a speech bubble. Dotted lines separate the different options.

- You will be in control of the money that you receive.
- You can't use the money for space on transport services from the council.

What do we need from you?

There are some things we'll ask of you. For example – you'll need to tell us if your circumstances change or if your child is off school.

We'll review your budget if your child's attendance drops or if they're late. Or if there are any concerns with the travel arrangements.

We'll also be in touch to review your arrangements if there are any changes to the law or the council's policies.

We'll explain this in our detailed leaflet. You can see this on our website at:
www.leicestershire.gov.uk/applyPTB

Apply today – don't delay

To join the scheme in **September 2017**, you must apply **by 31 March 2017**.

To apply email **TO@leics.gov.uk** or call **0116 305 0002**.

We'll assess your application and let you know as quickly as we can but by **Friday 4 August 2017** at the very latest. Please note that there is no guarantee that all applications will be approved.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will the payments be taxed or have an impact on other benefits?

A. No. The payments are not taxed and will not impact on other benefits.

Q. If I have two children with EHCP's, who are eligible for transport assistance, can I apply for each child?

A. Yes. The first child will receive 100% funding and the second will be at the council's discretion.

Q. I'm happy with the current arrangements - could my child continue to travel on the same vehicle?

A. No. By applying for the Personal Transport Budget (PTB), you will be responsible for making your own arrangements for transporting your child to and from school.

Q. Do I need to collect any receipts for petrol?

A. No. Once the payments are made to you, you can use them any way you wish to in order for your child to get to and from school every day.

Q. I am a foster carer for a child that receives transport, can I apply?

A. If your foster child is in the care of Leicestershire County Council and meets the criteria to receive free home to school transport, then you can apply.

Q. Would I receive a personal budget if my child attends two schools?

A. No. Transport assistance is only provided to one school. If you apply for a PTB, this will be assessed to the school that your child is on roll at.

Q. If I apply and am granted a personal budget – can I change my mind if it doesn't work?

A. Yes. You must give us at least one calendar month's notice (maybe longer at peak periods) to allow us to rearrange transport for your child. Please be aware, we can't guarantee this will be the same driver or arrangement.

Q. Will the council arrange short term transport cover for the occasions that I am unable to transport my child to school, for example if I am unwell?

A. No. It will be your parental responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school.

To view the SEN Home to School Transport Policy, please visit:
www.leicestershire.gov.uk/send-school-transport

Email: TO@leics.gov.uk

If you require this information in an alternative version such as large print, Braille, tape or help in understanding it in your language, please contact 0116 305 0002.

જો આપ આ માહિતી આપની ભાષામાં સમજવામાં ઘોડી મદદ
ઈચ્છતાં હો તો 0116 305 0002 નંબર પર ફોન કરશો અને
અમે આપને મદદ કરવા બંધન રહીશું.

નેવર ડ્રાપ્સ ઇસ નાટકારી નું સમસ્ટ વિચ ભુષ મદદ ચાહીલી
તે ડાં વિરપા કરલે 0116 305 0002 નંબર કે ફોન કરે અડે
અસી ડ્રાપ્સી મદદ લઈ લિસે ડા પુષ્પ કર દલારો।

এই তথ্য নিজের ভাষায় বুঝার জন্য আপনার যদি কোন
সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হয়, তবে 0116 305 0002 এই নম্বরে
ফোন করলে আমরা উপযুক্ত ব্যক্তির ব্যবস্থা করবো।

اگر آپ کو یہ معلومات سمجھنے میں کچھ مدد درکار ہے تو براہ مہربانی اس نمبر پر کال کریں
0116 305 0002 اور ہم آپ کی مدد کے لئے کسی کا انتظام کر دیں گے۔

假如閣下需要幫助，用你的語言去明白這些資訊，
請致電 0116 305 0002，我們會安排有關人員為你
提供幫助。

Jeżeli potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tej informacji
w Twoim języku, zadzwoń pod numer 0116 305 0002,
a my Ci pomożemy.

We've trialled personal budgets **IN MELTON**
**ALL THE FAMILIES WHO
TOOK PART ARE HAPPY!**



HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY:

“ I previously had to wait for a scheduled taxi to arrive before being able to take my other children to school. Now all my children can leave at the same time. ”

“ I would encourage other families to use the personal budget and definitely recommend it. ”

“ I receive regular payments with no admin or paperwork each month ”



“ All families that are eligible and able should move to personal budgets – parents that can, should. ”

“ My children arrive at school relaxed and happy. Due to their needs, my children sometimes become stressed and struggle to travel on a bus with other children. Also they can leave home much later and get home earlier. I can assure they are content going into school. ”

“ The money means that you are not out of pocket... and the card can be used in most places. ”

