

## What does the Haringey Local Offer Website say about TRANSPORT?

Entitlement to transport is based on assessment of your child's needs. If agreed, the transport team will discuss with you the type of transport and travel assistance to be provided to your child. This will be decided dependent on your **child's physical abilities** and a risk assessment of how your child is able to travel most safely.

### The types of transport and travel assistance available includes:

Bus or coach transport with escort

Travel buddying and travel assistance

Travel training

*We do not offer door to door pick up and drop off, so you will be expected to bring your child to the vehicle and pick up your child from the vehicle. You can expect to be called by the bus escorts so that you know when to be ready to pick up or drop off your child.*

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/5-15-year-olds/school-transport>

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## Local Offer Event

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
10am to 1pm  
Cypriot Centre Earlham Grove,  
Wood Green, London N22 5HJ,

### **The Special Educational Needs (Local Offer) Regulations 2014 Clause 30**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/251851/Consultation\\_on\\_draft\\_0\\_to\\_25\\_Special\\_Educational\\_Needs\\_SEN\\_-\\_local\\_offer\\_regulations.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/251851/Consultation_on_draft_0_to_25_Special_Educational_Needs_SEN_-_local_offer_regulations.pdf)

## What do other's say...?

### Independent Parental Special Education Advice

*Excerpts from IPSEAs Checklist for parents about Transport:*

**Does the child have SEN, a disability or mobility problems which affects their ability to walk to school?**

*If Yes, and the LA has not offered a place at a nearer qualifying school, then the LA must make **suitable travel arrangements** free of charge if the child's SEN, disability or mobility problem means they cannot reasonably be expected to walk to*

**Is the route to school unsafe taking into account the child's age, hazards etc?**

*If Yes, and if the child lives within statutory walking distance of the school and the LA has not made arrangements for the child to attend a nearer qualifying school, the LA must make suitable travel arrangements free of charge.*

*For the whole checklist go to :  
<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/what-you-need-to-know/home-to-school-college-transport/checklist-for-parents>*

**Contact IPSEA:**

**IPSEA have an online booking system via their website**

## Fill in our Survey Monkey on School Transport

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Haringey-School-Transport-2017>

**Reasons to Challenge a Transport Policy: from CONTACT (Previously Contact a Family)**

<https://www.contact.org.uk/about-us/>

**Blanket policies that restrict eligibility, Reasons to Challenge a Transport Policy**

Some local authorities have blanket policies that limit eligibility to children with SEND who:

Live outside the statutory walking distance.

Have an EHC plan (or one that specifies transport arrangements).

Attend out of authority schools.

Attend special schools.

Have physical/ medical difficulties only.

Such policies are **not lawful**. Children who cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school because of SEN, disability or mobility difficulty are eligible for transport under section 508B and schedule 35B (2) of the Education Act 1996. The policy should explain how a child with SEND meets the criterion for school transport.

Local authorities are only obliged to provide transport to the nearest suitable school and can refuse transport if parents choose a school further away. To be considered "suitable", a school must be right for the child's age, ability and aptitude, as well as being able to meet their SEN. The policy should explain this.

<https://www.contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/education-health-social-care/education/challenging-school-transport-policies/>

**BBC Video Disabled child travel cuts 'force parents to work less'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41200958>

**CLICK ON ANY OF THE WEBLINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

*Who can help YOU if you have an issue with Transport?*

# SENTAS

Sentas is a non-profit Community Interest Company and was formed to provide parents and young adults with information, advice and advocacy around issues with SEN home to school and college transport.

Sentas passionately believes that changes need to be made to the way SEN home to school and college transport is implemented by Local Authorities (LA's). Currently many children and young adults who are entitled to SEN home to school transport are being refused transport assistance by LA's.

Sentas will campaign for change to ensure that children and young adults are provided with the help they are entitled too, according to legislation and Government guidance.

<http://sentas.co.uk/>

**Successful outcomes in June 2017**

Successful cases include:

A taxi being arranged for a child, where the LA had stated the parent must accompany the child on public transport.

A taxi being arranged for a child, where the LA were insisting the parents take the child to school in their own car.

Transport costs paid for a post 16 by the LA, where they had previously stated the college choice was parental preference.

No Sentas cases lost in June!

**Contact Gavin from SENTAS**

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**Haringey Involve hope to invite Gavin to a coffee morning in the New Year**