# Transport to school

A guide for Parents & Carers





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Our Transport Team co-ordinates transport to school and specialist provision for children and young people with additional support needs in East Dunbartonshire.

Generally a request for transport is made by the Head Teacher. In some cases where pupils are placed in schools outwith East Dunbartonshire, the Educational Psychologist will liaise with the Transport Team.

### **Modes of School Transport**

- Dedicated contract bus a service provided solely for use by school pupils
- Taxi, private hire car or mini-bus
- Car mileage expenses for parents/carers interested in transporting their child.

Please note that all drivers/escorts are checked by Disclosure Scotland as to their suitability and codes of conduct are issued to operators.

### **Additional Support Needs**

If your child has any of the following additional support needs they may be entitled to transport to school:

- Physical needs
- Social & emotional needs
- Medical needs
- Autistic spectrum needs
- Mental health needs
- · Needs arising from general developmental delay.

If additional planning is required for your child relating to transport to school, their Head Teacher and/or Educational Psychologist will discuss their requirements during a Pupil Support Group or Support For All meeting. In such cases the transport requirements of the pupil will be discussed as part of the regular support planning review process and will include parents/carers and any other relevant agencies. In some circumstances, this will lead to the development of a transport plan or risk assessment which will be passed to the transport team.

We plan well in advance when renewing contracts with transport providers for children with additional support needs to ensure that their needs continue to be met by the transport to school service.

## **Complaints Procedures**

If you have any questions or would like to lodge a complaint about transport to school please contact your child's Head Teacher who will liaise with the Transport Team.

### **Further Information**

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