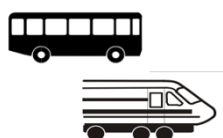


# School travel assistance for over 16s



This easy read document tells you about getting help travelling to school or college when you are over 16.

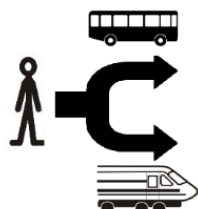
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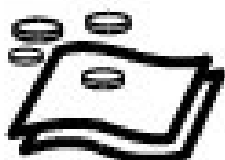
Before you apply for travel help, you should find out more about your local bus and train services.



The [Traveline journey planner](#) is a website you can use to plan a journey.



The journey planner will tell you what buses or trains you can take to get where you want to go.



It will also tell you how much money a journey will cost.

## Who can apply for assistance?

You can apply to us for help with travelling if you meet all three of these conditions:



- you live in Nottinghamshire, but not the City of Nottingham.



(If you live in the City of Nottingham you will need to [apply to Nottingham City Council](#).)



- you are a full-time student at a school, college, or an independent specialist provider that is paid for by the Education Funding Agency. This does not include higher education courses or universities



- you live more than three miles from your school or college (**unless** you have special transport needs).

You must also be **one** of these:



- younger than 19 on 1 September 2024



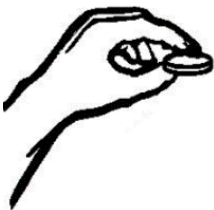
- OR between 19 and 24 years old on 1 September 2024 **and** have an Education Health and Care Plan.

## How to apply

You can [apply using our online form](#). It is quick and easy.



After you apply we will email you to tell you if we can help you with travelling.



We will also tell you how much you will need to pay.



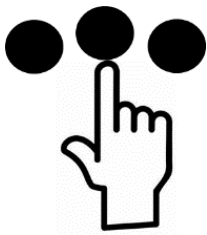
Once you have applied, you can make changes and payments online.



We will email you with reminders when you need to make payments.

## Types of help you can apply for:

There are three types of travel help you can apply for:



- a half fare pass
- a season pass
- travel allowance



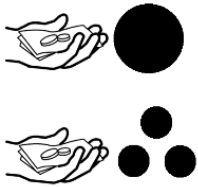
A **half fare pass** lets you travel for half the price of an adult bus or train ticket.



A **season pass** lets you travel to and from school or college without needing to pay for a ticket every day.

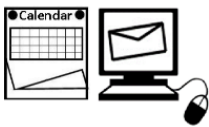


If we can give you a season pass, we will email you to tell you how much it will cost.



You can pay for a season pass all at once or in three smaller chunks

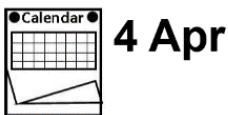
If you pay in smaller chunks, you will need to pay at these times:



- first when you get our email offering you a pass



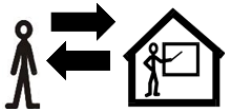
- second before 20 December 2024



- third before 4 April 2025



You can only use a half fare or season pass on certain buses or trains.



You can use a pass for one journey to and from school or college each day.



You can only use the pass before 10pm, Monday to Friday, during term time.

## Travel allowance

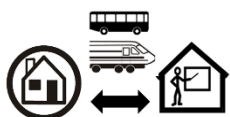


Travel allowance is a kind of help you can apply for instead of a half fare pass or season pass.

**£150**



If we offer you travel allowance, we will give you £150 per school year.



You can get travel allowance if all of these are true:



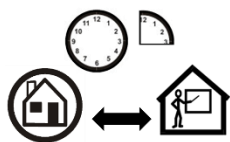
- you are a student at the nearest school or college to where you live



- there are no buses or trains to your school or college, or your school or college is outside of Nottinghamshire



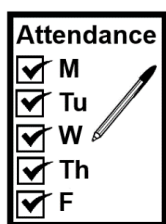
- your school or college is not further than 25 miles away



- it does not take more than 75 minutes to travel to your school or college



The travel allowance will be paid each term.



If you get travel allowance, your school or college must tell us that you are attending.



If you share a car with another student, you will get half the travel allowance each.



If you apply for travel allowance after the school year has started, you will get less money.

## Special transport needs



If you have a special transport need, you do not need to live more than three miles from your school or college to get help with travel.



The council will assess you to find out if you have a special transport need.



There is extra help you can get if you have a disability or special educational needs.



You can find out more about school travel assistance for people with special transport needs on our website.

You can read more information in [plain English](#); or you can read our [easy read version of the information](#).

## Customer Service Centre



Our Customer Service Centre can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



**Web:** [Use our online contact form](#)



**Telephone:** 0300 500 80 80

**Text Relay:** 18001 0115 977 4050

People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



### **Sign Video**

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use the [SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.



## **Links in this document**

### **Traveline journey planner**

[www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

### **Nottingham City Council post 16 school travel assistance**

[nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/travelling-to-school/school-transport-for-16-19-year-olds](http://nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/travelling-to-school/school-transport-for-16-19-year-olds)

### **Online application for post 16s travel assistance**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/post16travelpass](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/post16travelpass)

### **Special Educational Transport needs: plain English**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/special-transport-needs](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/special-transport-needs)

### **Special Educational Transport needs: easy read**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/support-for-special-educational-needs-easy-read](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/support-for-special-educational-needs-easy-read)

### **Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform)

### **Relay UK app**

[www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html](http://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html)

## **SignVideo app**

signvideo.co.uk/download

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For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Post 16 mainstream travel assistance | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/post-16-mainstream-travel-assistance

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