

# School travel assistance for under 16s



This easy read document tells you about school travel assistance for under 16s.



The document also includes information about [faith schools](#).



Different criteria applies for children with [special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\)](#).

## How To Apply



You can apply using the [online form](#) on our website.

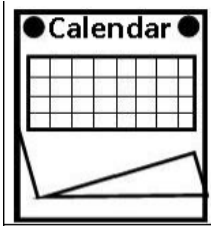


We send you an email to tell you if your application has been successful



There are deadlines to apply for travel assistance before each school year. The deadlines are on [our website](#).

## Age related eligibility for travel assistance

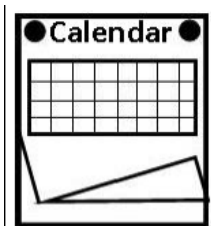


Travel assistance begins at the start of the academic year which includes the child's fifth birthday.



### **Pupils aged four years and in full time education**

Four year old pupils are entitled to free transport to the nearest school



This is from the start of the academic year until which they turn five if that school is two miles or more



### **Pupils aged five to seven years**

Pupils who must go to school and are aged under eight are entitled to free transport to the nearest suitable school if it is more than two miles from home.



### **Pupils aged eight to 11**

Eight to 11 year old pupils are entitled to free transport to the nearest suitable school if it is more than three miles from home.

Pupils this age from low income families are entitled to free transport if the nearest school is more than two miles away.



### **Pupils aged 11 to 16**

Pupils who attend secondary school are entitled to free transport to the nearest suitable school if it is more than three miles from home.

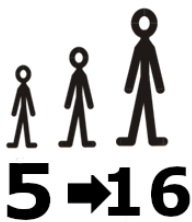


Pupils this age from low income families are entitled to free transport if the nearest school is between two and six miles from their home, and there are not three or more suitable nearer schools.

## Faith Schools Transport



The rules are different for children from low income families attending faith schools.



Pupils aged between five and 16, attending the nearest suitable school preferred on grounds of religion or belief, are eligible for free transport if the school is between two and 20 miles from their home.

This service will be available for home to school travel on school days only.

## Change in circumstances



Travel assistance will continue every year unless anything changes.



If anything changes, like moving house or changing school, you will need to re-apply



You will be reassessed as the changes might mean you no longer qualify.

## Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)



Different arrangements apply for children with special educational needs and disabilities. More information is [available here](#).

## Problems applying online?



If you have any issues with applying using the online service, you can contact our customer service centre.

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

### Deadlines for travel assistance applications

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-mainstream-travel-assistance](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-mainstream-travel-assistance)

### Online application for under 16s travel assistance

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-mainstream-travel-assistance/apply-for-under-16-travel-assistance](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-mainstream-travel-assistance/apply-for-under-16-travel-assistance)

### **Under 16 travel assistance deadlines**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-mainstream-travel-assistance](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/travel-to-schools/under-16-mainstream-travel-assistance)

### **Transport assistant for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)**

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

### **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](http://signvideo.co.uk/download)

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

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

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