

Travelling to school or college

What do you think?

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Policy Consultation

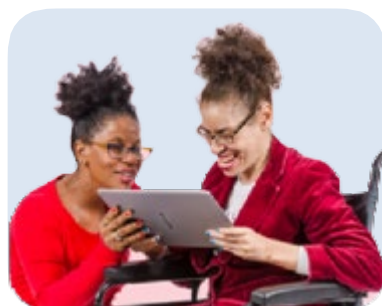


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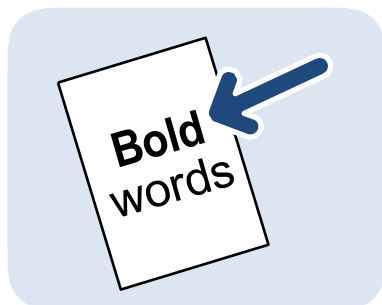
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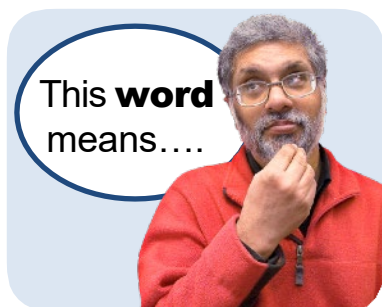
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

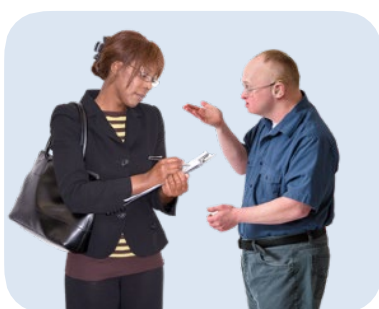
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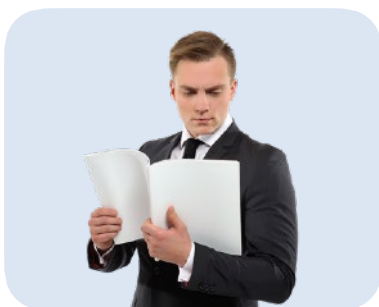
About this booklet



The Isle of Wight Council is thinking about changing our rules about helping children and young people travel to Sixth Form or college.



We want to know what you think.



This will help us decide what to do.



Please read the information and answer the questions.



Please send your answers to us by Wednesday 13 March 2024.



We will follow the law on Data Protection to keep your answers and your name private. You can get more information about how we do this on our website: [Privacy notice \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/privacy-notice)

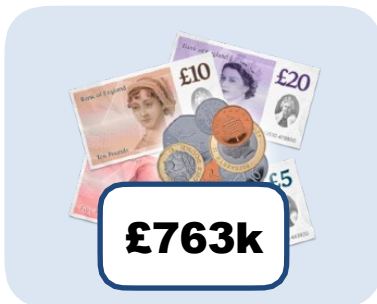
Travelling to Sixth Form or college



We help about 150 young people travel to Sixth Form or college every day. These young people have an Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP).



The Council pays for all the costs for these children currently. The Council does not have to do this by law.



This costs £763,000 in total and may cost about £845,000 next year.



This means that it costs more than £5,000 for each young person to travel to Sixth Form or college.



This is because everything costs more than it used to.

In this booklet, when we say **parents** this includes:



- **Birth parents, carers or guardians** - these are people who the law says can look after a child.



- Parents who have **adopted** a child - this is when a child becomes part of a new family when they can't be brought up by their own family.



- **Foster families** - these are families who look after children who cannot live with their own parents.

The changes we are thinking of making

There are 3 changes we are thinking of making:



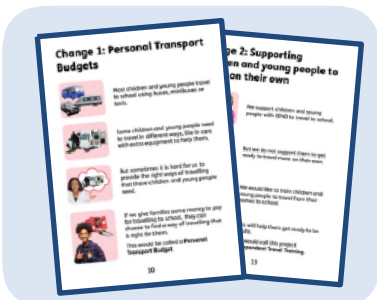
1. Ask parents to pay some money towards sending the young person with an EHCP or disability to Sixth Form or college.



2. Make the information about our rules easier to understand.



3. Offer some families money, called a Personal Transport Budget, to pay for travel to Sixth Form or college.



We will explain more about these changes in the next parts of this booklet.

Change 1: How much people with EHCP's pay to travel to Sixth Form or college



The Council currently pays all of the cost of transport for **all** young people with an EHCP aged 16 and above.



The Council does not have to do this by law.



We would like to ask these families to pay an amount towards this cost.

#1 or #2

There are two ways in which this could be done.

Option One: a fixed cost for families.

#1

The first way this could be done is asking families to pay a cost towards travel that does not change, no matter how far this travel is.



This would cost £570 per year and would not change regardless of how far the travel was.

Option Two: cost which increases depending on how far the travel is.

#2

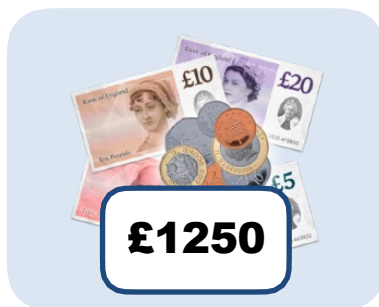
The second way this could be done is to ask families to pay different amounts depending on how far the young person has to travel.



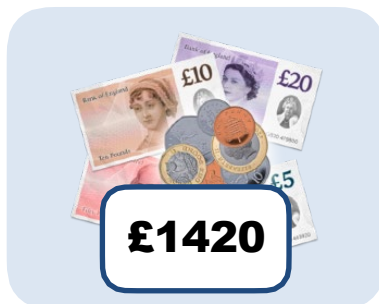
1. This would cost £640 if the child has to travel less than 5 miles to Sixth Form or college.



2. This would cost about £890 if the child has to travel between 5 miles to 7.5 miles to Sixth Form or college.



3. This would cost about £1,250 if the child has to travel between 7.5 miles to 10 miles to Sixth Form or college.



4. This would cost about £1,420 if the child has to travel between more than 10 miles to Sixth Form or college.



Things are also likely to cost more over time. There are different ways of measuring how much prices are going up.



Our idea is to use the **Consumer Price Index**. This looks at how much more things in shops cost than they used to.



We would look at the Consumer Price Index to decide how much to increase the amount we charge for extra travel.



If approved, we would start charging from 1 September 2024.

We would not charge to families who:



- Get support from the Government to help them pay for the things they need to live, like benefits, pensions or free school meals.

We may not charge to families who:



- Would need to get support from the Government to help them pay for the things they need to live, if they had to pay.



Question 1: How much do you agree or disagree with our idea to charge a flat rate (Option 1) for young people receiving EHCP?

Disagree
a lot

Disagree

Neither
agree nor
disagree

Agree

Agree a
lot

I do not
know





Question 2: How much do you agree or disagree with our idea to charge a rate depending on how far they have to travel (Option 2) for young people receiving EHCP?

Disagree a lot	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Agree a lot	I do not know



Question 3: Which option do you think is better?

Option 1	Option 2	I do not know



Question 4: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your answers to **Question 1, 2 and 3?**

Change 2: The Post 16 Transport Policy



The **Post 16 Transport Policy** is a set of rules that explains what we need to do to support young people to travel to Sixth Form or College.

We are thinking of making some changes to it, to make it:



- More up-to-date.



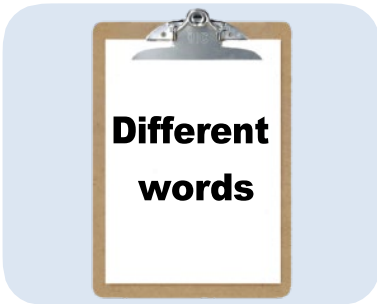
- Easier to understand.



These changes would mean our Sixth Form or college Transport Policy fits in with the Government's rules.



There are lots of small changes to the way the rules are written.



These will not change how the rules work. They will just use different words to tell parents about the rules.



Question 5: Is there anything you would like to tell us about these ideas for changes to the Sixth Form or college Transport Policy?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin grey border, intended for a student to write their response to the question.

Change 3: Personal Transport Budgets



Most of the children and young people that we help travel to Sixth Form or college using buses, minibuses or taxis.



Some children and young people need to travel in different ways, like in cars with extra equipment to help them.



But sometimes it is hard for us to provide the right ways of travelling that these children and young people need.



If we give families some money to pay for travelling to Sixth Form or College, they can choose to find a way of travelling that is right for them.

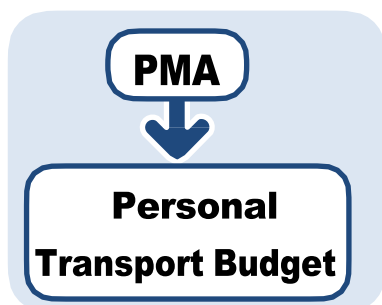
This would be called a **Personal Transport Budget**.



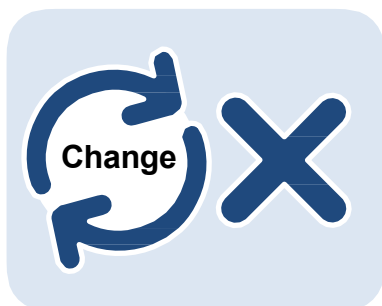
We would only offer this money to families that needed it.



Parents would not have to agree to getting a Personal Transport Budget instead of transport if they did not want one.



We would also change the name of Personal Mileage Allowances (PMAs) to Personal Transport Budgets.



This would make it simpler to support families who get PMAs. It would not change the support they get.



Question 6: How much do you agree or disagree with our idea to offer families a Personal Transport Budget?

Disagree
a lot

Disagree

Neither
agree nor
disagree

Agree

Agree a
lot

I do not
know



Question 7: If you would like to, please tell us why you think this:

Answers to your questions



These are answers to questions that a lot of people have asked:

When will I know if these changes affect my children?



The approved policy will be published on 31st May 2024. You will be able to apply for transport assistance after this date.

My child with SEND has shared travel to Sixth Form or college. Can I ask for a Personal Transport Budget?



If we agree that a Personal Transport Budget would be best for your child, then you can get one.

How this might affect you



Question 9: Could these changes affect you? If they could, please tell us how they might affect you.

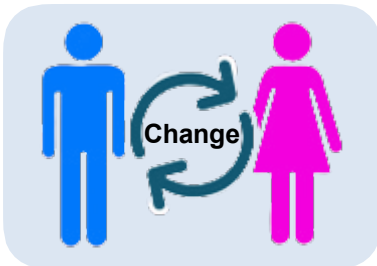


Question 10: Could these changes affect you because of any of these things?

☐ Age



☐ Disability



☐ Changes to your **gender**
Your **gender** is whether you are a man, a woman or something else.



☐ If you are married, or in a civil partnership



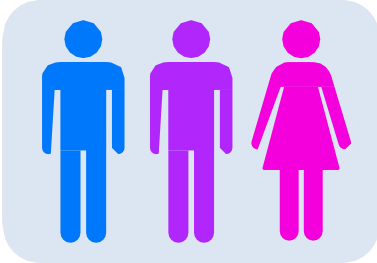
☐ You are pregnant, or you have a baby



☐ Race



☐ Religion or belief



☐ Sex



☐ Sexual orientation - this means which gender you are attracted to. For example male, female or both



☐ If you do not have enough money to afford the things you need to live



☐ If you live in the countryside



☐ Changes to the environment - the environment is the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it

☐ I do not know

☐ None of these

Anything else



Question 10: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our ideas to change?

About you

Question 11: Are you answering these questions...

The screenshot shows a form titled 'More about you' with a blue border. It includes a header with a group of people icon and a paragraph: 'Please answer these questions about yourself. Your answers will help us to make sure we are being fair to different groups of people in Hampshire.' Below this is 'Question 10: What is your postcode?' with a text input field. A note says: 'You do not have to answer this if you do not want to.' There is another icon of a person and a note: 'If you live in the countryside, people might be able to tell where your house is from your code.' At the bottom, it says '41'.

☐ for yourself - *go to page 32*

The screenshot shows a form titled 'About your organisation' with a blue border. It includes a header with a group of people icon and a paragraph: 'Question 15: If you are answering for an organisation or group, please tell us.' Below this are three text input fields: 'The name of the group or organisation', 'The postcode of the organisation or group', and 'Your name:'. There is also a field for 'Your job in the organisation or group'. At the bottom, it says '36'.

☐ for an organisation or group - *go to page 27*

The screenshot shows a form titled 'If you are a councillor' with a blue border. It includes a header with a map icon and a paragraph: 'Question 18: What is the name of the area that you represent?' Below this is a text input field. Another paragraph says: 'Question 19: What is your name?' with a text input field. A note says: 'If your answer is an official answer to a councillor, we might include your name and the area you represent in our final report.' At the bottom, it says '40'.

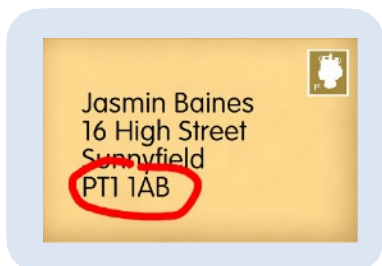
☐ as a councillor - *go to page 31*

About your organisation

Question 12: If you are answering for an organisation or group, please tell us:



The name of the group or organisation:



The postcode of the organisation or group:



Your name:



Your job in the organisation or group:



If your answer is an official answer for your group, organisation or company, we might include its name in our final report.



If your answer is an official answer for your group, organisation or company, we also might have to give your answers to others, if they ask for them.



Question 13: What sort of organisation or group is it?

- ☐ A charity or a community group
- ☐ A local business
- ☐ A local council
- ☐ A nursery, Sixth Form or college or college
- ☐ A public service like Fire, Police or Health
- ☐ Other - please say



Question 14: Does your organisation or group provide any of these services?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Sixth Form or college Transport services
- ☐ Other services for children and young people with SEND
- ☐ None of these

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If you are a councillor



Question 15: What is the name of the area that you represent?



Question 16: What is your name?



If your answer is an official answer as a councillor, we might include your name and the area you represent in our final report.



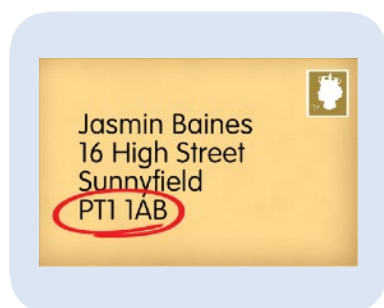
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More about you



Please answer these questions about yourself. Your answers will help us to make sure we are being fair to different groups of people in Hampshire.



Question 17: What is your postcode?



You do not have to answer this if you do not want to.

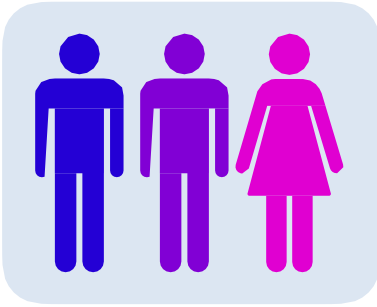


If you live in the countryside, people might be able to tell where your house is from your post code.



Question 18: How old are you?

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16 to 18
- ☐ 19 to 24
- ☐ 25 to 34
- ☐ 35 to 44
- ☐ 45 to 54
- ☐ 55 to 64
- ☐ 65 to 74
- ☐ 75 to 84
- ☐ 85 or over
- ☐ I do not want to say



Question 19: Are you...

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ I prefer to use my own word -
please say:

☐ I do not want to say



Question 20: Do you have a health
condition or disability that has lasted,
or will last, for more than a year?

☐ No

☐ Yes, but it does not affect my
day-to-day activities

☐ Yes, and it affects my day-to-day
activities a little

☐ Yes, and it affects my day-to-day
activities a lot

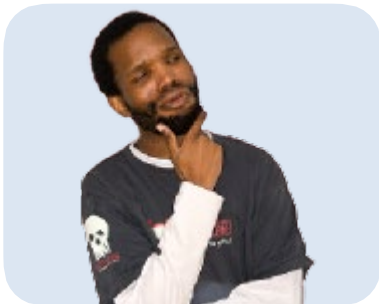
☐ I do not want to say

Question 21: Are you...



Asian or Asian British

- ☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Nepalese
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Any other Asian background - please say:



Black or Black British

- ☐ African
- ☐ British
- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ Any other Black background - please say:



Mixed or from more than 1 ethnic background

- ☐ White and Asian
- ☐ White and Black African
- ☐ White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ Any other mixed background - please say:



White

- ☐ English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British
- ☐ Gypsy or Irish traveller
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Any other White background - please say:



Other ethnic group

☐

Arab

☐

Any other ethnic background -
please say:

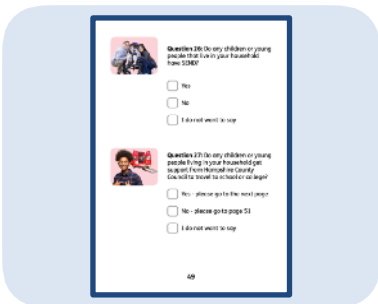


Question 22: Are there any children or young people under the age of 19 living in your household?

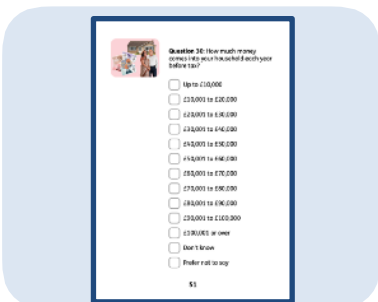
This can include you.

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Yes - aged 0 to 4
- ☐ Yes - aged 5 to 11
- ☐ Yes - aged 12 to 15
- ☐ Yes - aged 16 to 18
- ☐ No - under the age of 19
- ☐ I do not want to say



If there are children or young people under the age of 19 living in your household, please go to the next page.



If there are no children or young people under the age of 19 living in your household, please go to page 41.



Question 23: Do any children or young people that live in your household have SEND?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I do not want to say



Question 24: Do any children or young people living in your household get support from the Isle of Wight Council to travel to Sixth Form or college or college?

- ☐ Yes - please go to the next page
- ☐ No - please go to page 41
- ☐ I do not want to say



Question 25: If you get support from us, does it include:

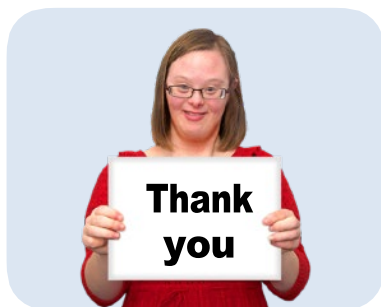
- ☐ Money for you to take the child or young person to Sixth Form or college - this is called a **mileage allowance**
- ☐ A Passenger Assistant or Sixth Form or college Escort
- ☐ Neither of these
- ☐ Not sure



Question 26: How much money comes into your household each year before tax?

- ☐ Up to £10,000
- ☐ £10,001 to £20,000
- ☐ £20,001 to £30,000
- ☐ £30,001 to £40,000
- ☐ £40,001 to £50,000
- ☐ £50,001 to £60,000
- ☐ £60,001 to £70,000
- ☐ £70,001 to £80,000
- ☐ £80,001 to £90,000
- ☐ £90,001 to £100,000
- ☐ £100,001 or over
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you



Thank you for answering our questions.



Please send your answers to us by Wednesday 13 March 2024.