

# HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT: YOUR RIGHTS

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Key facts that you need to know:

- Children of compulsory school age (age 5 to the end of year 11), who live **outside** the **statutory walking distance** (2 miles for those under 8 and 3 miles for those over 8) are entitled to **free transport**
- Those **within** the statutory walking distance will be entitled if they are from a **low income family**, their **route is unsafe** or they have an **SEN, Disability or mobility problem** which means that they cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school.
- You **don't need to have an EHCP to be entitled**
- The key area where dispute often arises is about the 'nearest suitable school'
- If you do not agree with a decision that the Local Authority has made, there are appropriate **complaints** and **appeals** processes.
- You must appeal within **20 working days** from receipt of the LA's decision.

*"If a child is eligible because they have SEN, a disability or mobility problems, whether or not they live within statutory walking distance of the school is not relevant."*

- IPSEA



Contact SENDIASS Leicester if your child has Special Educational Needs (diagnosed **and** undiagnosed).



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