

PERSONAL TRAVEL BUDGETS

Another option for parents and carers who currently receive travel assistance? for students with special educational needs and disabilities.

INTRODUCTION

WHO CAN GET A PTB?

A PTB is available if your child is aged between 5 and 18 and is eligible for Specialist Travel Assistance. Usually for those children who receive assistance from The City of Edinburgh Council for travelling to and from school.

The PTB supports the family circumstances, for example.



Some families would prefer to take their own. child to school but can't afford to.

Some children find Council provided transport too long, stressful and tiring.

Some children like to attend after school clubs and activities which they can't, due to the transport leaving at the end of the school day

GIVING YOU THE FLEXIBILITY AND CONTROL TO MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS

Payment will be calculated on an individual basis taking into consideration the child's needs. as well as the current potential cost to the council of transporting the child to school. This means each PTB will be tailored individually to each child.

WHAT CAN I USE A PTB FOR?

You can spend the PTB however you like, as long as your child travels in a way that ensures. their safety, ensures their attendance and enables them to arrive at school on time and in a positive manner ready to learn.

You might choose to.

BUY A TRAVEL PASS



PAY FOR A PASSENGER ASSISTANT



COVER THE
COST OF
DRIVING
YOUR CHILD
TO SCHOOL



COVER THE
COST OF CHILD
CARE FOR
SIBLINGS TO
ALLOW YOU TO
TAKE YOUR
CHILD TO
SCHOOL



SHARE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER PARENTS/ CARERS



WHATS THE DETAIL?



Payment will be made to the parent/carer who will agree to be responsible for their child's travel and attendance at their school/educational establishment

Equal monthly instalments will be paid into a nominated bank account within the first 7 days of each month (excluding August).





Personal Travel Budgets should not affect any other benefits that you may receive, however, it is best to check with your benefit provider.

If circumstances change then the PTB can be adjusted or, at the parents/carers request, revert to Council assistance, giving one month's notice You must ensure you notify our department to any changes such as school leavers, exclusion or prolonged absence due to medical needs.





If attendance drops below 90% to an unacceptable level or they persistently do not arrive at school on time, then the PTB is at risk of being reduced, suspended or stopped by us.

