



Education & Skills

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information relating to Free home to school transport

You have requested the following information:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide full answers to each of the following questions about school transport arrangements in your area:

1. For the academic year just ended, how many pupils received free home to school transport?

1717

2. What was the total cost to the local authority of this provision? If possible please break this down by contracts for commercial buses/coaches, and passes for children to travel on public services.

Please find below breakdown of the 19/20 transport costs. Note this is on a financial year and not academic year basis.

	Gross Exp £000s
Travel Training	74
Inhouse	2,627
Personal Transport Budget	190
Taxis / Contract routes	1,451
Transport other authorities / School buses	135
Bus passes issued	228

Total	£4,705
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3. How many children received concessionary/spare/vacant seat places, and if possible how much money was received for these?

3 children. (cannot give monetary amounts yet as credits need to be applied due to Covid closures).

4. What is the current estimate for how many pupils will receive free home to school transport for the coming academic year and the current estimate of the cost to the authority?

1950 students

5. Has the authority allowed applications for concessionary/spare/vacant seat places, revised numbers or told parents that there may not be capacity this year because of coronavirus?

No.

6. Is the authority doing anything else to reduce demand for school buses, such as offering to reimburse parents for mileage expenses if they drive their children to school, or recruiting minicabs etc? If so please provide details.

- The active promotion of walking, cycling and personal transport budgets
- An increase in the number of public transport buses available on high volume school routes in partnership with public transport providers
- Staggered starts to the school day

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Yours sincerely

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