

Travel information for students in Year 12, Year 13 and sometimes Year 14 (if they started before turning 19 and are still studying) who have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)

1 What to expect from Bristol City Council

Councils must provide free travel support to 5-16 year olds who cannot walk to school because of their needs. But when young people start in year 12, the rules change. Councils have to **CONSIDER** what travel support is needed, but they don't have to provide it for free like they do for younger children.



2 Types of Travel Support

Travel support is based on each young person's individual needs.

Bristol City Council might provide:

- a bicycle or an e-bike
- a bus pass or a train pass
- independent travel training
- financial support for families to make their own arrangements
- a tailored package of support



3 Which option will your young person receive?

The support your young person gets depends on their needs. Since they have an EHCP, the Council already has some of this information. The Travel Team will work with you to understand your family's situation, to ensure your young person can get to their educational setting.



4 Costs and financial support

Some young people studying at a publicly funded school or college, or those on a training course (including unpaid work experience), could be eligible for a bursary. Go to www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund for more information.

Some families may need to contribute to home to school travel costs; the team will let you know if this is relevant to your family.



5 How to request travel support

If you live in Bristol (you can check this here www.gov.uk/find-local-council), you need to ask the Home to School Travel Team for travel support by completing an application. Decisions should be made quickly, and any help needed should be arranged without delay. Applying early helps ensure the Council can arrange the right support for your young person.

www.bristol.gov.uk/apply-travel-support-16-18



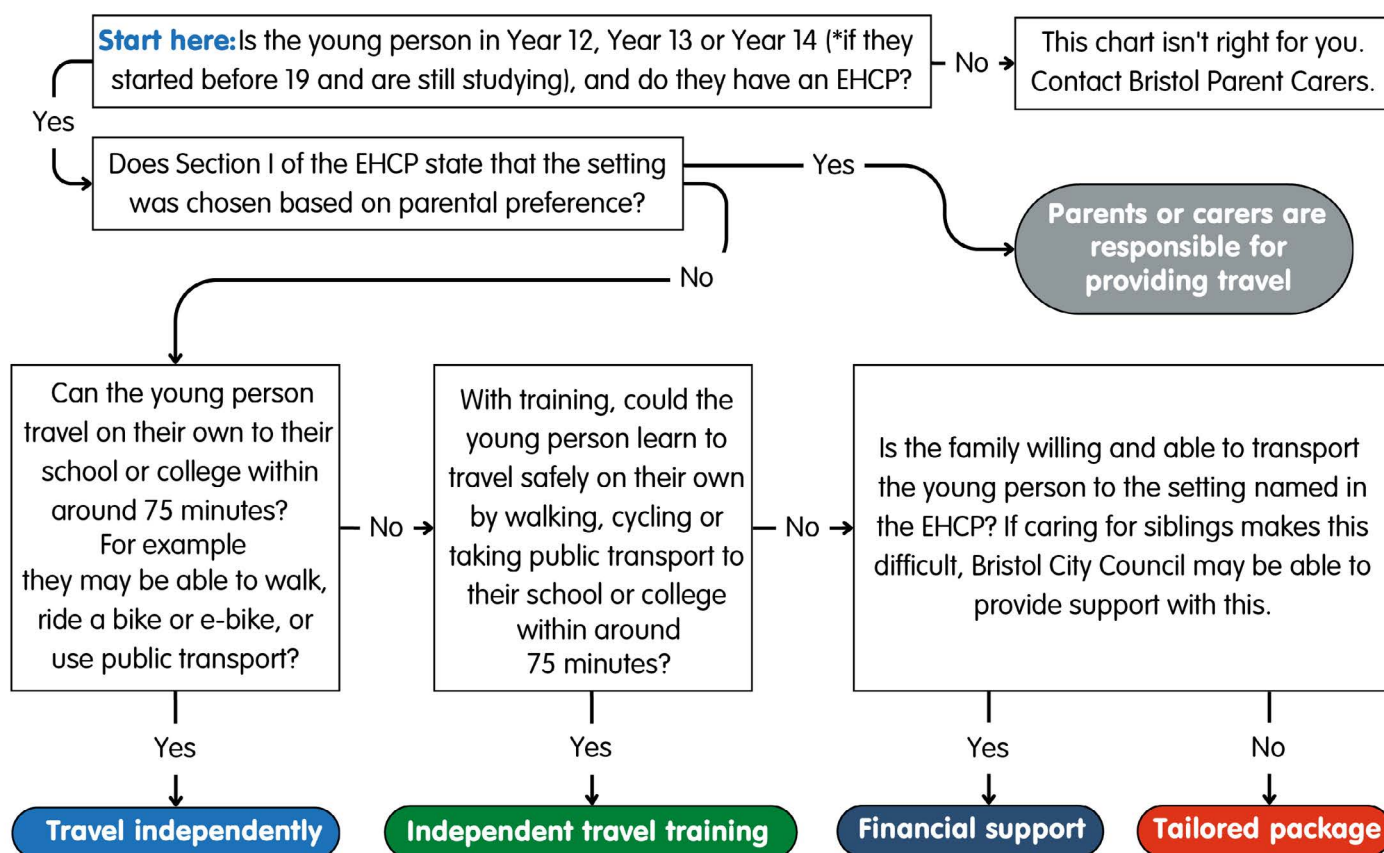
6 What if I disagree with the council's decision?

If you disagree with Bristol City Council's decision, you can appeal through their appeals process. Bristol City Council will tell you how you can do this when they tell you their decision.

You can also seek legal advice; free support is often available for this. For contact details for SOS!SEN, a national charity that helps families go to www.sossen.org.uk

Home to school travel information for 16-19 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

This chart, provided by Bristol Parent Carers, gives an idea of the support your young person may receive, but the final decision could be different; the decision is made by Bristol City Council alone.



Travel independently such as walk, cycle or use public transport

In most cases, the young person will be expected to travel independently, such as walking, cycling or using public transport. They might be able to get a free Disabled person's bus pass www.bristol.gov.uk/disabled-bus-pass If they can't get a Disabled person's bus pass, they might be able to get a free bus pass from the Home to School Travel Team www.bristol.gov.uk/travel-support-16-18 Some young people could be eligible for a bursary to support with costs. Go to: www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund for more information.

Independent travel training to build independence

The young person may receive travel training to help them travel independently. You can find more information on independent travel training at: www.bristol.gov.uk/independent-travel-training

Financial support for families to make their own arrangements

You may get a personal travel budget. This is a payment for you to make your own travel arrangements, such as using your own car or motability vehicle if you have one. If looking after other children makes travel difficult, there may be other support available, like funding for a place at breakfast or after-school club for siblings, or money that you could use to pay a childminder for siblings, if that suits your family. There is more info at: www.bristol.gov.uk/travel-support-16-18.

Tailored package of support

In a few cases, young people may be eligible for a tailored support package. For example, Bristol City Council could arrange a minibus or a similar vehicle with an escort or provide a bike or e-bike. This will depend on the young person's needs and the route to their setting.