

# Travel on your own with confidence to school or college



## **Get the skills and confidence to:**

Plan a journey, use trains and buses, buy tickets and improve road safety awareness.

Interested? Get in touch for more information

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## What is Travel Training?

It is all about independence. Travel Training is one to one travel support for young people with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) to teach you the skills, knowledge and confidence to use public transport on your own.

Get the skills and confidence to travel on your own using public transport to and from school or college.

## How can Travel Training help you?

- Learn to travel on your own,
- Provide greater freedom - get around and enjoy more social activities,
- New opportunities for learning and work,
- Less reliance on friends and family,
- Raise self confidence.

# How does Travel Training work?

A Travel Trainer will come on your journey to and from school or college until you are ready to make the journey on your own.

## **The Travel Trainer will:**

- Meet with your parents/carer and you before any training starts,
- Create a detailed journey plan, with photos and maps of your journey,
- Build on your road safety skills and awareness,
- Cover a wide range of 'What If' situations,
- Once you are successful you will be presented with a 'Independent Traveller Certificate'.

## **The benefits include:**

- Increased self confidence
- Greater freedom - get around and enjoy more social activities
- Developing greater social skills
- New opportunities for learning and work
- Less reliance on friends and family



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# Questions and answers for Parents/Carers

## **Who can access travel training?**

The scheme is open to young people with Special Educational Needs and/ or a Disability attending Wirral Special Schools, Education Inclusion Bases in mainstream schools or post 16 provision. This includes students currently in receipt of specialist school or college transport who would like to learn to travel independently.

## **How much does it cost?**

You will not have to pay anything for training, and some young people who participate are also eligible for a free transport pass.

## **How does Travel Training work?**

Once accepted on to the programme, the Travel Trainer will arrange to see you along with the young person to discuss in more detail what happens next and what to expect during the training period.

## **How long will it take?**

This depends upon the young person themselves, as we do not rush any participant through training. All young people are different however on average training will be completed in 14 weeks, although we offer ongoing support following this. The decision that a young person has completed their training is made by the young person, parents/ carers and the trainer together.

## **How will my child be kept safe during training?**

All of our trainers have Disclosure and Barring Service clearance, as well as up to date job specific training including Wirral Safeguarding Children Board accredited safeguarding training. Full risk assessments are undertaken for each route and each student, and young people are given the time they need to be confident with every stage of their journey before moving onto the next stage.

## **If I agree to my child travelling independently will it affect my benefits?**

Benefits will not be affected by participating in this scheme.

