

This information is about independent travel training for young people with special educational needs (SEN).

Learning to travel independently is an important skill for preparing for adulthood. Once you can travel independently, you will be able to get to different places with confidence and do things such as visit places with friends, visit members of your family, travel to work, college or a job interview. If you have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) and are in year 9 or above, you can discuss independent travel training at your Annual Review as part of preparing for adulthood.

In Milton Keynes, independent travel training is organised by the Home to School Transport Team who have created a Young Person's Guide with all the details here: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/assets/attach/56114/Independent-Travel-Leaflet-for-Young-People.pdf>

How do I apply for independent travel training?

To apply for travel training you need to complete the 'Travel Exceptions and Appeals Form' and fill it in to say that you would like to be considered for independent travel training. The 'Travel Exceptions and Appeals Form' can be found here: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/assets/attach/63874/Travel-Exceptions-and-Appeals-Application-Form-2020-V2-final.pdf>

This form is a general form used for different reasons by the Home to School Transport Team and does not specifically mention independent travel training. You may want a parent or guardian to help you with your application. The SENDIAS Team can also help you to understand this form or read through your draft application. Our contact details are at the bottom of this factsheet.

What happens after I apply?

Once you have sent the request in, it will be discussed by members of the Home to School Transport Team. If they agree that you need independent travel training, they will write a letter to tell you this and pass your details onto the Independent Travel Training Team. The Independent Travel Training Team will then speak to you and assess your needs to see if you are suitable for their training course.

If you are suitable for independent travel training, then they will discuss the training with you and get everything set up for you to start. If you are not suitable for their travel training, they will look at alternative options to help you with independent travel.

Where can I get more information, advice or support?

You can find out more about Independent Travel Training by contacting the Home to School Transport Team on 01908 253338 or email: HTST@milton-keynes.gov.uk

You can also get in touch with **MK SENDIAS Service** on 01908 254518 or email: contact@mksendias.org.uk