

Request

- 1) How many children were eligible for help with the cost of home to school transport in each local authority in each year since 2017.

- 2) How many children have received help with some of the cost of home to school transport in each local authority since 2017.
- 3) How many children have received help for all of the cost of home to school transport in each local authority since 2017.

Response

Wigan Council provides Travel Assistance only to children who would be considered eligible under the terms of our Home to School Transport Policy which has been drawn up in line with national guidelines from the Dept of Education.

Commissioned transport and Free School Travel Passes come at no cost to families. The only costs that are incurred are when families opt for mileage payments or Personal Travel Budgets (PTB), although these payments should cover the cost of the travel. Below are the numbers of children whose families have opted for mileage/ PTB.

- 2017/ 2018 - 39
- 2018/2019 - 40
- 2019/2020 - 44
- 2020/2021 - 48
- 2021/ 2022 - 51

Mileage payments/ PTBs are designed to cover the total cost of each journey that is undertaken.

The numbers above represent all of the children whose families have incurred costs by transporting their child to school.