# Independent Travel Training





### **The ITT Process**

This service is open to pupils who currently access Home to School travel assistance to school , either through coach, minibus, taxi or Personal Transport Budget.

Independent Travel Training can be a daunting prospect for pupils, parents/carers alike. Although the ITT is centred around the pupil, the wishes and the feelings of parents/carers are always taken into account.

Independent Travel Training is provided to give the pupils more freedom and independence for school life, and accessing the wider world of work in later years.

- Referral placed with transport team via email or telephone call.
- After parental permission has been given, (This often involves a home visit to discuss concerns if any) an appointment is made with school and a small assessment is undertaken with a teaching assistant/support worker.
- If the pupil is ready to train, then the necessary risk and medical assessments will be carried out.
- Training will begin, and daily records maintained. (These can be seen by Professionals/Parents at anytime)
- If the pupil is not ready to train, a different approach will be taken to find the most appropriate way forward, but only after discussions with the pupil, the parent/carers and the school.
- At the end of the training a free bus pass will be provided to all pupils who pass training and certificates will be issued as a memento!



#### **Please Remember:**

**No child** will undergo training unless the Parent/Carer is completely happy for training to take place. All training is run at the pupils pace, it is not a race, its a skill.

Current School Transport will never be removed until the young person is fully capable of Independent Travel Training.

## If you are interested in Independent Travel Training and require any further information, please contact:

Home to School Transport Children's Services

Walsall Council Zone 2G Civic Centre Darwall Street Walsall WS1 1TP

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