

Who can have travel training?

Primarily, travel training is available to anyone who is eligible for travel assistance. This may include children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan or people with additional needs.

How can I apply for travel training?

You can make a referral for travel training via:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/independent-travel-training.aspx

Further information

Should you want to know more about the ITT programme, please contact: **Independent Travel Training Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.**

Email: SchoolPlanningandPolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Telephone: **0300 123 7039.**

Your questions answered

Q How much will the training cost?

A **There is no cost to the individual for the travel training sessions.**

Q What if the trainee has a problem and needs help?

A **The trainee will be taught what to do if there is a problem or an emergency.**

Q Will doing this affect any benefits?

A **It is unlikely that benefits will be affected from completing this programme.**

Q What if the trainee encounters bullying on route to their destination?

A **The training includes coping strategies to deal with any such issues. However if this occurs, it is important to also inform the education or work placement as they have policies to deal with this.**



More of your questions answered

Q My child likes getting the taxi. It's easy, much quicker and they like the other children in the taxi, so why train them?

A **We understand this although you should consider that travel training is an investment in their future. Your child will learn skills for life, while the taxi won't be around forever.**

Q Are you sure my child can do this?

A **Your child will be closely assessed and monitored throughout the training and will only complete the programme once they have demonstrated the required skills. You will be kept well informed of their progress.**

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Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services.

Council information is also available in Audio, Braille, Large Print or other formats. If you would like a copy in a different format, in another language or require a BSL interpreter, please email us at: equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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What is independent travel training?

Travel training supports children and adults to get more out of life through learning new skills and building their confidence. The programme teaches individuals how to travel a specific route on their own in a safe and responsible way. It aims to increase their independence to enable them to access future learning, training, employment and social opportunities.

Trainees who have successfully completed Independent Travel Training report feeling generally happier, more confident and prepared to access further education, training and job opportunities.

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What are the benefits of independent travel training?

- ✓ The ability for the trainee to travel on their own
- ✓ The use of sustainable forms of travel (such as; walking, cycling and public transport)
- ✓ Increased independence, confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Access to future learning, training and employment opportunities
- ✓ Increased opportunities to participate in social and leisure activities
- ✓ Improvement in personal health, well-being and quality of life
- ✓ Less reliance on family and friends
- ✓ Receipt of a concessionary travel pass enabling free travel via public transport (after 09:30am).

What will you learn?

- ✓ Journey planning
- ✓ Road safety
- ✓ Public transport skills
- ✓ Personal safety
- ✓ Emergency procedures



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Who will teach these skills?

On behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council, Dorin Park School delivers travel training across the borough.

All travel trainers have specialist skills which are accredited by the Open College Network (OCN) and have clearance by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) - enhanced check.



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How does the training work?

- ✓ Introductory meeting between the trainee, parent/carer and travel trainer
- ✓ Individual risk assessment of the trainee's needs and route
- ✓ Practical training to and from destination
- ✓ Regular updates on trainee's progress
- ✓ Final assessment and sign off.



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