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Summary

This document provides local authorities with advance notice of the questions they will be required to answer in the 2028 data collection on the home-to-school travel they fund for eligible pupils. The collection will go live in April 2028. This document is intended to help local authorities prepare for the collection going live and consider the data they will need to collate.

Guidance to support completion of the collection is available at Home-to-school travel: data collection.

Who this publication is for

These questions are for local authorities.

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Part 1: Pre-16 SEND Home-to-School Travel (HTST)

1.1: Pre-16 SEND HTST, Headline Numbers

- How many pre-16 pupils does the local authority fund SEND HTST for?
- How many pre-16 pupils does the local authority fund SEND HTST for, by school type:
    - Primary mainstream school and early years
    - Secondary mainstream school
    - State-funded special school
    - Independent special school
    - Alternative provision and pupil referral units
- Of the pupils attending a primary mainstream school, how many of those attend a specialist base within that (or another) mainstream school?
- Of the pupils attending a secondary mainstream school, how many of those attend a specialist base within that (or another) mainstream school?
- How many of the total pupils provided with SEND HTST have an EHC plan?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

1.2: Pre-16 SEND HTST, Eligibility

- Of the total number of pre-16 pupils that the local authority funds SEND HTST for:
    - how many travel *more than* the statutory walking distance from their home?
    - how many travel *less than* the statutory walking distance but are eligible for transport because they could not be expected to walk because of their special educational needs, disability or mobility problem?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

1.3: Pre-16 SEND HTST, Transport modes and assistance

- Of the total number of pre-16 pupils that the local authority funds SEND HTST for, how many travel using the following modes of transport paid for by the local authority?

    - Public transport pass
    - External contract – taxi / private hire vehicle (PHV), up to 8 passenger seats
    - External contract – Public Service Vehicle (PSV), 9 seats and above
    - In-house fleet – vehicles owned and managed by the local authority
    - Personal travel budgets / mileage allowance
    - Other
- How many pupils receiving SEND HTST travel in single occupancy vehicles? Do not include personal travel budgets.
- How many pre-16 pupils eligible for SEND HTST undertook independent travel training in the 2027-28 financial year?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

1.4: Pre-16 SEND HTST, Expenditure

- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on pre-16 SEND HTST?
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on pre-16 SEND HTST, for the following modes of transport?
    - Public transport pass
    - External contract – taxi / private hire vehicle (PHV), up to 8 passenger seats
    - External contract – Public Service Vehicle (PSV), 9 seats and above
    - In-house fleet – vehicles owned and managed by the local authority
    - Personal travel budgets / mileage allowance
    - Other
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on independent travel training for pre-16 pupils eligible for SEND HTST?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

Part 2: Pre-16 mainstream Home-to-School Travel (HTST)

2.1: Pre-16 mainstream HTST, Headline Numbers

- How many pre-16 pupils does the local authority fund mainstream HTST for?
- How many pre-16 pupils does the local authority fund mainstream HTST for, by school type:
    - Primary mainstream school and early years
    - Secondary mainstream school
    - State-funded special school
    - Independent special school
    - Alternative provision and pupil referral units
- Of the pupils attending a primary mainstream school, how many of those attend a specialist base within that (or another) mainstream school?
- Of the pupils attending a secondary mainstream school, how many of those attend a specialist base within that (or another) mainstream school?
- How many of the pupils provided with mainstream HTST have an EHC plan?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

2.2: Pre-16 mainstream HTST, Eligibility

- Of the total number of pre-16 pupils that the local authority funds mainstream HTST for, how many are eligible under each of the following criteria?
    - They attend their nearest suitable school which is more than the **statutory walking distance** from their home
    - They attend their nearest suitable school which is *within* the statutory walking distance but there is **no safe walking route**
    - They are eligible because they meet the **extended rights** eligibility criteria
    - Other (local authority discretion)
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

2.3: Pre-16 mainstream HTST, Transport modes and assistance

- Of the total number of pre-16 pupils that the local authority funds mainstream HTST for, how many travel using the following modes of transport paid for by the local authority?
    - Public transport pass
    - External contract – taxi / private hire vehicle (PHV), up to 8 passenger seats
    - External contract – Public Service Vehicle (PSV), 9 seats and above
    - In-house fleet – vehicles owned and managed by the local authority
    - Personal travel budgets / mileage allowance
    - Other
- How many pupils receiving mainstream HTST travel in single occupancy vehicles? Do not include personal travel budgets.
- How many pre-16 pupils eligible for mainstream HTST undertook independent travel training in the 2027-28 financial year?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

2.4: Pre-16 mainstream HTST, Expenditure

- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on pre-16 mainstream HTST?
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on transport for pre-16 mainstream HTST, for the following modes of transport?
    - Public transport pass
    - External contract – taxi / private hire vehicle (PHV), up to 8 passenger seats
    - External contract – Public Service Vehicle (PSV), 9 seats and above
    - In-house fleet – vehicles owned and managed by the local authority
    - Personal travel budgets / mileage allowance
    - Other
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on independent travel training for pre-16 pupils eligible for mainstream HTST?
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on transport for pupils eligible through Extended Rights (ER)?

- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

Part 3: Post-16 transport

3.1: Post-16 transport, Headline Numbers

- How many post-16 learners does the local authority fund transport for?
- How many post-16 learners does the local authority fund transport for, for each type:
  - Home to post-16 provision - SEND transport (sixth form duty, aged 16-18)
  - Home to post-16 provision - SEND transport (adult duty, aged 19 to 25)
  - Home to post-16 provision transport - mainstream home to post-16 transport (16-18)
- Of the post-16 learners included under 'Home to post-16 provision – SEN transport (sixth form duty, aged 16-18)' how many travel to the following provider types:
  - Mainstream post-16 providers
  - Specialist post-16 providers
- Of the post-16 learners included under 'Home to post-16 provision – SEN transport (adult duty, aged 19 to 25)' how many travel to the following provider types:
  - Mainstream post-16 providers
  - Specialist post-16 providers
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

3.2: Post-16 transport, Neighbouring local authorities

- How many post-16 learners does the local authority fund transport for to a post-16 provider outside of the local authority?
- How many post-16 learners does the local authority fund transport for to a post-16 provider outside of the local authority, for each type:
  - Home to post-16 provision - SEND transport (sixth form duty, aged 16-18)
  - Home to post-16 provision - SEND transport (adult duty, aged 19 to 25)
  - Home to post-16 provision transport - mainstream home to post-16 transport (16-18)

- Of the post-16 learners included under ‘Home to post-16 provision – SEN transport (sixth form duty, aged 16-18)’ how many travel to the following provider types:
    - Mainstream post-16 providers
    - Specialist post-16 providers, including special school 6th forms
- Of the post-16 learners included under ‘Home to post-16 provision – SEN transport (adult duty, aged 19 to 25)’ how many travel to the following provider types:
    - Mainstream post-16 providers
    - Specialist post-16 providers including special school 6th forms
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

3.3: Post-16 transport, Transport modes and assistance

- How many post-16 learners travel using the following modes of transport funded (partly or wholly) by the local authority?
    - Public transport pass
    - External contract – taxi / private hire vehicle (PHV), up to 8 passenger seats
    - External contract – Public Service Vehicle (PSV), 9 seats and above
    - In-house fleet – vehicles owned and managed by the local authority
    - Personal travel budgets / mileage allowance
    - Other
- How many post-16 learners travel in single occupancy vehicles? Do not include personal travel budgets.
- How many post-16 learners undertook independent travel training in the 2027-28 financial year?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

3.4: Post-16 transport, Expenditure

- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on transport for post-16 pupils?
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on transport for post-16 pupils, for the following modes of transport?

    - Public transport pass
    - External contract – taxi / private hire vehicle (PHV), up to 8 passenger seats
    - External contract – Public Service Vehicle (PSV), 9 seats and above
    - In-house fleet – vehicles owned and managed by the local authority
    - Personal travel budgets / mileage allowance
    - Other
- How much did you spend in financial year 2027-28 on independent travel training for post-16 pupils?
- Do you have any additional comments to support / explain the data provided in this section? [Free text]

Part 4: Sign-off

Sign-off

I confirm that the information I have given is correct to the best of my knowledge. The data provided has been signed off by:

- Name: [insert name]
- Job title: [insert job title]

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