

Consultation on Home to School Transport for Non-Entitled and post 16 pupils

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Who is this leaflet from?






This leaflet is from North Yorkshire County Council.












What is this leaflet about?











This leaflet is about our ideas for our home to school transport for those that are not entitled to receive it for free.




	<h2>What is home to school transport?</h2>
	<p>We provide free transport for some children and young people to get to school.</p> <p>This could be because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They live too far away to be able to walk, or• They are disabled or have other mobility needs, or• It would not be safe for them to walk to school. <p>Sometimes there are spare seats on the buses we use for home to school transport. We can make these seats available to other pupils that do not get free home to school transport, and make a charge.</p>
	<h2>What would we like you to do?</h2>





	<p>We would like you to read this leaflet.</p> <p>Then we would like you to tell us what you think about our ideas.</p> <p>Our ideas are about our home to school transport service for those who are not entitled to free home to school transport.</p>
	<p>Why do we provide home to school transport?</p>
	<p>We want to make sure everyone who is entitled and needs help to go to school gets it.</p> <p>The government also says we have to provide home to school transport for some pupils.</p>
	<p>Providing home to school transport costs us more than £24million every year.</p>
	<p>We have written a plan about how we are going to provide home to school transport in the future.</p>




	<p>What does the plan say?</p>
	<p>We want to make sure that children and young people can get the sort of transport they need.</p> <p>For example, if someone uses a wheelchair we want to make sure their transport means they can take it with them.</p> <p>We want to make sure they can sit in their wheelchair when they are travelling if that is better for them.</p> <p>This is called providing accessible transport.</p>
	<p>We would like to make sure all the transport we provide is accessible.</p> <p>But it would cost a lot more money to do this.</p>
	<p>How much more would it cost?</p>

	<p>It would cost us another £2.7million every year if all school buses were accessible.</p> <p>That means the total cost of home to school transport would be £26.7million every year.</p> <p>We cannot afford this.</p>
	<p>We also know that most of the children and young people we provide transport for do not need accessible transport.</p> <p>If a child or young person that is entitled to free home to school transport needs an accessible vehicle we will always provide one.</p>
	<p>Do we ever charge people to use home to school transport?</p>
	<p>Yes. There are often spare seats on the buses we use.</p> <p>We have been able to charge some children and young people who do not get free transport to use these seats to get to school.</p>
	<p>Selling these seats has earned us £610,000 in 2018/19.</p> <p>But in 2019 the government said we could only charge for seats on</p>

	<p>accessible transport or transport that has 22 seats or less.</p> <p>This meant we only earned about £270,000 last year from selling spare seats on the transport we can charge for.</p>
	<p>Will we sell seats in future?</p>
	<p>We want to because it makes things easier for those that use them, helps the environment, and helps keep council costs down.</p> <p>The government have now said we can charge for spare seats on most of our vehicles until 2023, so we want to charge children and young people to use them like we used to.</p>
	<p>But there will be some buses where we won't be able to charge people to use spare seats.</p> <p>We would like to let children and young people use the spare seats on the buses we cannot charge for.</p> <p>We would like to do this until July 2021.</p> <p>But we know this is not fair.</p>

	Why is it not fair?
	It is not fair because other children and young people will have to pay to use a spare seat.
	<p>The only way to be fair to everyone would be to stop allowing children and young people to use spare seats on home to school transport, or to not charge anyone.</p> <p>We can't afford to let anyone wanting to use a spare seat travel for free. It would mean we would lose £535,000 a year in income.</p> <p>We would also lose this income if we stopped everyone using spare seats, but it would also mean that about 2,300 children and young people would have to find their own way to school.</p> <p>This would affect their families and carers and mean more cars on the roads.</p>

	<p>What do we want people to do now?</p>
	<p>We want people to tell us what they think of our plan for home to school transport.</p> <p>We have four ideas we want people to tell us about.</p> <p>These are our four ideas.</p>
	<p>Idea One says that we will only provide seats for those we have to. This means that spare seats will not be available.</p> <p>But we will make sure anyone who needs accessible travel and is entitled to free home to school transport can get it.</p> <p>This will cost us money and will mean about 2,300 children and young people will have to find their own way to school.</p> <p>But it is fair.</p>
	<p>Idea Two says we will allow children and young people who are not entitled to free home to school transport to use spare seats, but only where we are allowed to charge. When we cannot charge we will not offer spare seats.</p>

	<p>This will save us money but will mean that about 340 children and young people will have to find their own way to school.</p>
	<p>Idea Three says that where we cannot charge for spare seats we would let children and young people travel for free.</p> <p>This will save us money but is unfair as some people will pay and others who should pay will travel for free.</p>
	<p>Idea Four says we will charge for the use of spare seats where we can, but let most of the other children and young people who already use the spare seats carry on using them until July 2021.</p> <p>After July 2021 we would only use spare seats on accessible transport or transport that has 22 seats or less.</p> <p>We would charge children and young people for using them.</p>
	<p>What would we like you to do?</p>



We would like you to tell us what you think about our plan for home to school transport.



Thank you for reading this leaflet.

Now please answer our questions.



Please tell us about yourself.

This will help us to find out what different people think about our plans.

We will not share your personal information with anyone outside of North Yorkshire County Council.





Please tick one box to tell us who you are.

I am a parent or guardian of someone who gets free home to school transport

I am a parent or guardian of someone who doesn't qualify for free home to school transport

I am a parent or guardian of someone who goes to school or college and is over 16

I represent a group of young people

	I represent a group of people with disabilities		
	I provide home to school transport		
	I represent a school		
	Other (please describe who you are) 		
	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>Now please tell us what you think of our plan for home to school transport.</p>		
	<p>When do you think the Council should use accessible transport to take people to school?</p> <p>Please put a tick next to one of these statements.</p>		
	Always, no matter how much it is going to cost, and that some people don't need it.		
	Only when the Council knows that the people who are using accessible transport need it.		



When do you think the Council should offer spare seats to people who don't get free home to school transport?

Please put a tick next to one of these statements.

Never	
Only when the Council can charge for the spare seat.	
Whether the Council can charge for the spare seat or not.	



Some people may not be able to use spare seats because they are not accessible. What do you think the Council should do?

Please put a tick next to one of these statements.

The Council should provide accessible transport no matter how much it costs.	
The Council should provide accessible transport where possible, providing it does not cost too much.	
The Council should not provide accessible transport unless it can be done for no extra cost.	




When do you think the Council should offer a spare seat to people?

Please put a number between 1 and 5 against all these statements. 1 means most important and 5 means least important.




When the pupil is an entitled post 16 pupil	
When people already use a spare seat.	
When people have other family members using a spare seat.	
When people have special education needs or disabilities.	
When people live a long way from school or college.	

If you think there is another reason for the Council to offer a spare seat, please tell us what this is below.

Please put a number between 1 and 5 against this to show how important this is for you (1 means most important and 5 means least important)

	<p>Please tell us what you think the best way for us to use spare seats is.</p> <p>Please tick one of the ideas below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="676 927 1449 1912"> <tr> <td data-bbox="676 927 1198 1912"> <p>Idea One</p> <p>Only provide seats for those we have to. This means that spare seats will not be available.</p> <p>But we will make sure anyone who needs accessible travel can get it.</p> <p>This will cost us money and will mean about 2,300 children and young people will have to find their own way to school.</p> <p>But it is fair.</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1198 927 1449 1912"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="676 1912 1198 1957"> <p>Idea Two</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1198 1912 1449 1957"></td> </tr> </table>		<p>Idea One</p> <p>Only provide seats for those we have to. This means that spare seats will not be available.</p> <p>But we will make sure anyone who needs accessible travel can get it.</p> <p>This will cost us money and will mean about 2,300 children and young people will have to find their own way to school.</p> <p>But it is fair.</p>		<p>Idea Two</p>	
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	<p>Please send this form back to us at:</p> <p>lpt.compliance@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>By 19 April 2020</p>	
	<p>You can also fill the survey in online at</p> <p>https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=158021689688</p>	
	<p>If you would like this leaflet in a different format, please ring North Yorkshire County Council Customer Services Centre on 01609 780780</p>	



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Thank you for taking the time to tell us
what you think.

