

# Parent Carers Together Position Statement on Home School Transport

**PARENT CARERS TOGETHER**



**Bournemouth Christchurch Poole**

Local authorities must make travel arrangements they consider necessary to enable eligible children to attend school. These arrangements must be provided free of charge under section 508B of the Education Act 1996

PCT is aware of significant parental concern about Transport. These concerns include:

- The length of journey time (the legal guidance suggests a maximum of 45 min each way for a primary age child and 75 mins each way for a secondary/College pupil).
- Staff needing specialist training on behaviour support or health procedures, but assessments of need regarding health and behaviour not being carried out before the transport starts.
- Last minute changes to arrangements that are not communicated to parents.

## Parent Carers Together Position Statement

- BCP Council must communicate clearly and in a timely manner with families
- Risk assessments need to be completed as part of the planning process to ensure routes are suitable
- Information about child's needs should be shared with transport and opportunities for training should be offered to drivers and transport assistants

## Parent Carers Together Objectives

- PCT want to work with BCP Council to review transport policies ensuring they are accessible and fully describe legal rights
- Ensure transport policies are available on the Local Offer
- We would like to see transport incorporated in EHCPs and recognised as an integral part of education provision

**PCT always welcomes new parent representatives.**

**If you would like to help PCT speak up for the parents' and families' voice in any of these areas, please contact**

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**Links:** PCT [Representation on Boards and Projects](#) (July 2022)