

62694 Pupil School Transport

For academic years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (to date), please provide:

The total number of pupils receiving free home-to-school transport.

Receiving Home to School Transport	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	2283	2410	2561

A breakdown of those pupils by:

Primary school pupils.

Secondary school pupils.

Pupils with Additional Support Needs.

Pupils receiving transport on medical grounds.

Pupils receiving transport because there is no safe walking route.

Pupils attending specialist provisions or specialist placements.

Award Breakdown	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Primary Schools Pupils	237	282	319
Secondary School Pupils	1249	1281	1390
ASN Pupils	633	660	680
Medical Approvals	30	45	46
Safety Approvals	458	527	475
ESB Placements	164	187	172

The number of pupils attending schools out with their catchment area who receive free school transport, broken down by:

Primary.

Secondary.

Additional Support Needs placements.

Medical grounds.

Out of Catchment	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Primary	0	0	32
Secondary	2	0	0
ASN	0	0	0
Medical	0	0	0

The number of applications for free school transport received each year.

2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
2378	2891	2849

The number of applications approved and refused each year.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Approved	2260	2730	2718
Refusal	118	161	131

For refused applications, please provide the reason for refusal where recorded, including but not limited to:

Distance criteria not met.

Out-of-catchment school attendance.

Availability of a closer suitable school.

Budgetary or policy grounds.

Other reasons.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Refusal (non-catchment)	36	43	51
Refusal (distance)	73	81	52
Refusal (out of authority)	9	27	20
Other	Not Recorded	10	8

The total annual expenditure on home-to-school transport for each year.

2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
£9,400,638.79	£10,009,175.41	£11,763,128.88

The number of complaints, reviews, appeals or challenges relating to school transport decisions received in each year and the outcome of those complaints where they've been recorded.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Appeals	51	6	25
Reviews	8	23	11
Complaints	9	22	13

Any current policy, guidance, criteria, assessment framework or decision-making documents used when determining whether transport is provided for pupils attending a school outside their catchment area.

Assisted Transport Policy Attached.