

63997 School Transport, Balerno/Redhall route

How many taxi/transport companies bid or tendered for the current contracted route serving the Balerno to Redhall School journey?

There are 41 contractors on the Passenger Transport Framework.

The criteria used to select the current company for that route.

Routes are awarded through Call Off from the Passenger Transport Framework, in accordance with procurement process.

How many taxis/vehicles are currently provided for children with complex or additional support needs in the relevant catchment area?

Redhall School has a citywide catchment and is serviced by 21 Home to School transport contacts/routes.

Whether there is a set budget for the transportation of children with complex/additional support needs and, if so, what that budget is?

£6,725,457.

The criteria applied when deciding whether a child is provided with assisted transport to and from a special or additional support needs educational setting.

- Statutory distance entitlement – normally 2 miles or more for primary aged children and 3 miles or more for secondary aged children, measured along the available walking route to the relevant school.
- Safety – assisted travel may be considered where there is no safe walking route, even where the child lives within the statutory distance.
- The child's assessed additional support needs, disability and mobility, including whether these affect their ability to travel safely and independently.
- The individual circumstances of the child and family.
- Placing in the appropriate educational setting – assisted travel is provided from the child's main residence to the catchment school or the nearest special school with a suitable place available.

Please find the Assisted Travel Home to School policy attached.