



Trafford Independent Travel Training



What is travel training?

We can offer travel training to young people in secondary schools with special needs in Trafford. The training is designed to help young people to get more out of life by giving them the skills and confidence they need to travel independently by public transport.

Travel training aims to teach young people how to get to and from school by themselves, as well as preparing them for other journeys they will want to make as they get older. We do this through one to one training in real life settings such as buses, trains and trams. We teach them the skills they need to use from planning their journey to actually doing it for themselves.

Each young person will have an individual package, developed according to their specific needs by one of our specialist travel trainers. The skills that will be taught include:

- Road safety
- How to plan a journey
- How to access buses and trams
- Learning routes and landmarks
- What to do in an emergency

FAQ...

Who is eligible for travel training?

Young people attending secondary schools in Trafford who have Special Educational Needs and currently qualify for Home to School transport.

Will there be any charge for travel training?

No. You will not have to pay anything for training, and most young people who participate are also eligible for a free transport pass from TfGM.

How long will it take?

This depends upon the young person themselves, as we do not rush any participant through training. We estimate that a child will be fully trained in 12 weeks, although we offer ongoing support following this. The decision that a young person has completed their training is made by the parents, the trainer and the young person together.

How will my child be kept safe during training?

All of our trainers have Criminal Record Bureau clearance, as well as up to date job-specific training. Full risk assessments are undertaken for each route, and young people are given the time they need to be confident with every stage of their journey before moving onto the next stage. We have our own policies on health and safety and safeguarding, which we are very happy to explain to parents.

How can we sign up?!

If you think that travel training sounds right for your son/daughter, please contact Trafford's SEN Transport Officer using the contact details below:

Contact information

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