



# PERSONAL TRAVEL BUDGETS

A flexible and creative option for  
parents and carers



# Introduction to Personal Travel Budgets (PTBs)

A PTB is a sum of money allocated to parents/carers to enable them to get their child to school. It offers families choice and flexibility, and how the money is spent is completely at the families' discretion.

*"I like the freedom of spending my budget on the transport that I need. Some days my child uses the bus, other days I book my own taxi."*

Parent who receives a personal travel budget



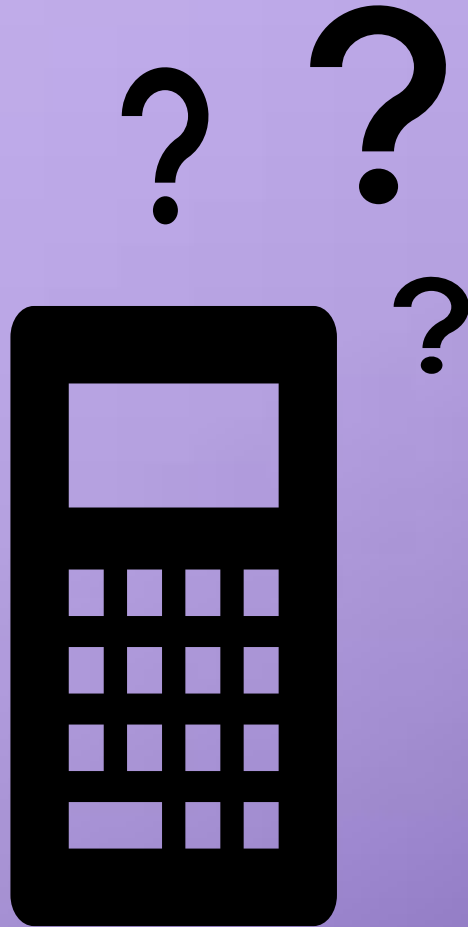
Some families would prefer to take their own child to school but can't afford to

Some children find Council provided transport too long, stressful and tiring

Some children like to attend after school clubs and activities which they can't, due to the transport leaving at the end of the school day

**GIVING YOU THE FLEXIBILITY AND CONTROL  
TO MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS**

# Personal Travel Budgets in Cumberland



Payments are calculated on an individual basis taking into consideration the child's needs as well as the current potential cost to the Council of transporting the child to school. This means each PTB will be tailored individually to each child.

**The Council pays £0.45 for each mile of the journey to and from school, plus an extra daily amount between £5 and £45 if your family needs it.**

You might get extra money if your child:

- has medical needs that require quick attention
- needs extra support to travel safely
- needs an adult to travel with them
- lives in a rural area or has a long journey

# Using a Personal Travel Budget

You can spend the PTB how ever you like, as long as your child travels in a way that ensures their safety, ensures their attendance and enables them to arrive at school on time and in a positive manner ready to learn.

You might choose to;

BUY A  
TRAVEL  
PASS



PAY FOR A  
PASSENGER  
ASSISTANT



COVER THE  
COST OF  
DRIVING  
YOUR CHILD  
TO SCHOOL



COVER THE  
COST OF CHILD  
CARE FOR  
SIBLINGS TO  
ALLOW YOU TO  
TAKE YOUR  
CHILD TO  
SCHOOL



SHARE  
ARRANGEMENTS  
WITH OTHER  
PARENTS/  
CARERS





What a  
PTB may  
mean for  
you and  
your  
family



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**Payments will be made to the parent/carer who will agree to be responsible for their child's travel and attendance at their school/educational establishment**



**Regular reviews of the arrangements will consider any change in circumstances**



**Personal Travel Budgets should not affect any other benefits that you may receive. However, it is best to check with your benefit provider**



**Regular agreed amounts will be paid into a nominated bank account**



**If a child's attendance drops below an agreed level or they persistently do not arrive at school on time, then the PTB may be at risk of being reduced, suspended or stopped**



**If you would like to find out more:**

**Cumberland Council Home to School Travel Team:**

**Email: [send.transport@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:send.transport@cumberland.gov.uk)**

**Phone: 0300 303 1591 (option 1)**

**Web link:**

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