



Independent travel training

Cricket Green School and Merton Mencap are working with the local authority to provide a travel training service in Merton. The service supports young people with a learning disability to be able to travel between home and school independently.

The training takes place in the community. Our travel trainer supports young people to complete each part of the journey, which may include travel by bus, tram, train or on foot. The travel trainer monitors the young person's progress and assesses their ability to travel safely. At a time when we think the young person is able to travel between home and school on their own, we ask for the parent's agreement for this to happen.

Participation in the training does not affect your eligibility for free home to school transport and, even if your young person starts to travel independently, the Local Authority will resume transport at any time if there is a problem.

Our travel training service includes the following:-

- ***An assessment of the young person's skills and abilities before the training begins***
- ***A thorough risk assessment***
- ***Structured training and monitoring***
- ***Contact with the parent or carer during the training***

Travelling independently is a skill which the young person will be able to use throughout their life.

Travel training is not provided to any young person without the permission of the parent or carer. The young person is supervised during the travel training until permission is obtained from the parent or carer for them to travel part or all of the route independently.

For more information, contact:

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