

Robert's story



'Robert is now more chatty, and confident in himself' explains Robert's mother. 'He is less anxious and less tired from being on the school bus so long'.

After completing his travel training, Robert can now not only travel independently to school, he has described being able to cope with travelling in crowds, knowing how to get himself to places and being able to leave later as his journey doesn't take as long..

When asked about the training, Robert says 'give it a go, it's a good idea and better than being on the school bus!'

About Surrey's Travel Training

This programme is delivered on behalf of Surrey County Council by HCT Group. The programme provides Independent Travel Training for young people with special educational needs

You can find out more about our Travel Training programme at www.travel-training.org

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What is Independent Travel Training?

Travelling independently is an important part of your child's development. Travel Training gives children with Special Educational Needs the skills and confidence to travel independently on public transport.

Why should your child take part?

Lots of young people are now travelling independently after taking part in the programme. Parents tell us that their children:

- Feel more confident and independent
- Can go out a lot more with their friends
- Do not have rely on specialist transport – or their parents/carers
- Can get onto college courses
- Have a better chance at finding a job
- Do better at school
- Feel safer

How does it work?

Your child will be paired up with their own experienced travel trainer. The trainer will conduct full risk assessments on a safe route to school or college and then accompany your child as they travel on public transport.

On the way, they will pass on skills, hints and tips to help them get ready for making the journey on their own. The training covers:

- Safe road crossing
- Confidence in using different types of transport
- How to plan a journey
- Getting to know their route
- What to do if something goes wrong
- Personal safety
- Fares and travel cards including oyster cards

As their skills develop over time, they will travel more and more of the journey on their own – until they are travelling safely and completely independently.

Who is it for?

The Travel Training programme is for young people who:

- ✓ Are aged 11-19 (or young people aged up to 25, where appropriate)
- ✓ Live in Surrey
- ✓ Currently use specialist transport
- ✓ Have an Education and Health Care Plan

What do I do next?

If you'd like your child to learn how to travel independently, please:

contact the SEND Travel Assistance Team on:
sendtravel.assistance@surreycc.gov.uk
or call:
0300 200 1004, and ask for the
SEND Travel Assistance Team.