



Can you help?

As parents we all know that SEND Transport is a really challenging issue with many local authorities tightening their offer and more families being denied this vital support.

Contact have launched a new **SEND Transport Project** that aims to highlight the issues and bring about change that will improve disabled children and young people's experience of school/college transport. [Channel 4 News highlights school transport issues for disabled young people \(contact.org.uk\)](#)

Part of this project involves looking at local transport policies to see how easy they are to understand and where they might contain unlawful statements that are misleading to both parents and LA staff. The results will form part of a campaign, helping us make recommendations to try and improve things.

As Parent Carer Forums you will know a lot about how transport is working in your area. We value your experience and insight and want to give you the opportunity to feed in. We understand that everyone is stretched but it would be great to hear from you if you can. Maybe there's someone in your forum that's interested in transport and might be able to do this on your behalf?

What you need to do

1. Answer some questions about your local area Compulsory School Age Transport Policy.

You will need to find your policy online and look through it, answering 6 main questions with a YES/NO checklist for each question. *We think it will take about 30 mins.*

2. Fill in a short survey about how you think things are going with school/college transport in your area.

Just a few questions so that you can tell us what is happening in your area – are parents happy or dissatisfied? Are there charges for Post-16 transport? *This should take less than 30 minutes too.*

So, although you're all really busy, less than an hour of your time could really help make a difference!

Timings

RSVP **now** to say if you think you can help or not.

Policy review (and questionnaire) returned **by end of September.**

Get in touch

We really value the experience and expertise of parent carer forums and all the work you do to represent the issues for families in your area – so it would be great to hear from you.

Please get in touch: rachel.dixon@contact.org.uk

Thank you!