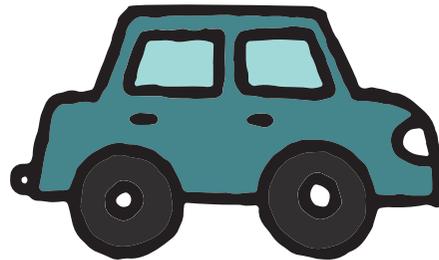
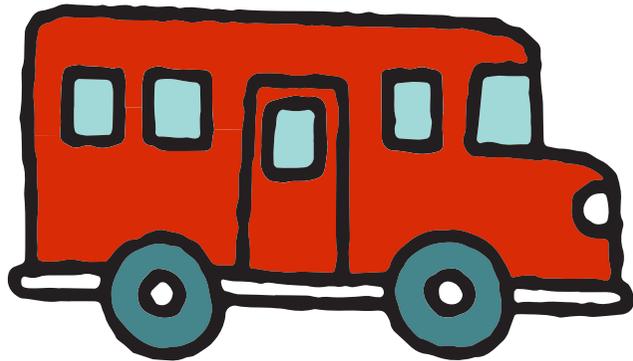




Personal Travel Budgets & Expenses

Another option for parents and carers of children who are eligible for school travel assistance.



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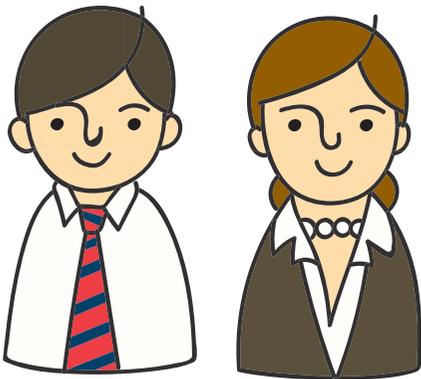
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What is a Personal Travel Budget (PTB)?

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. How the money is spent is completely at the family's discretion.

Who can get a PTB?

PTBs are available to parents/ carers of children and young people who are eligible for free home to school transport under Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Policy. PTBs are granted at the discretion of the local authority (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council), they will only be offered if this is more cost effective than other options, like travelling by bus or taxi.



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

Some children find council provided transport to be 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

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How is it calculated?

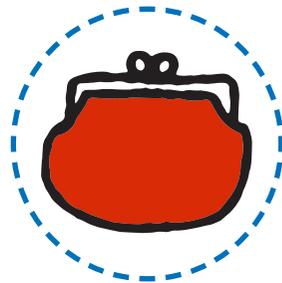
Payment will be calculated in miles to and from the school. We will pay you 45p per mile for 2 return journeys per day.

What can I use a PTB for?

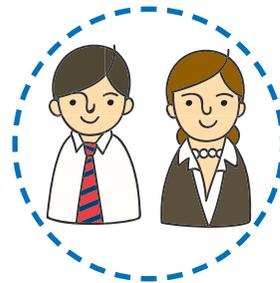
You can spend a PTB how ever you like, as long as your child travels in a way that ensures their safety, their attendance at school and enables them to arrive at school on time. Some examples of how you could spend a PTB are:



Buy a travel pass for yourself or a trusted adult to accompany your child to school.



Cover the cost of mileage for you or a trusted person to drive your child to school.



Cover the cost of care for siblings to allow you to take your child to school if your child has special educational needs.



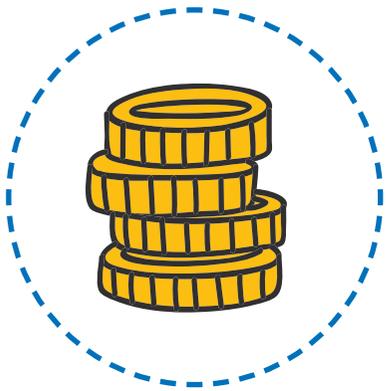
Share arrangements with other parents/carers such as shared driving responsibilities, walking buses or joint taxi bookings.

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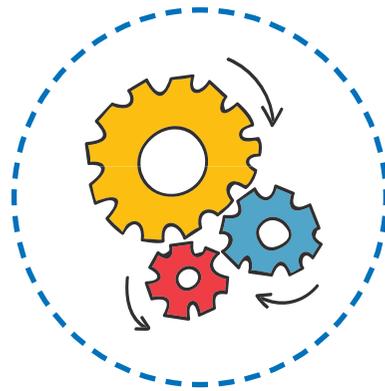
What is the detail?



The PTB amount will be paid direct to the parent/ carer via their bank account. This person must agree to be responsible for arranging transport and making sure their attends school.



Payments will be made to the nominated bank account at the beginning of each month (excluding August).



PTB's do not affect other benefits received as the money is to be used for the cost of your child's travel.



If you decide the PTB is not working for you, you can contact the Council's Transport Team to discuss other options.



There will be no regular monitoring of how the PTB is spent (you won't need to submit mileage logs or receipts). However, if school attendance drops below 90% or your child is persistently late your PTB might be reduced or stopped.

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Case studies

Hayley

Hayley is 10 and lives 5 miles away from her school. Hayley's Mum Clare receives a PTB of £45 a week this is around £160 per month or £1750 per year. Clare doesn't drive but wants to take Hayley to school, so she uses her PTB to purchase an annual bus pass for herself and Hayley.

This works out really well for the family because the bus pass can be used at other times.



Jenna

Jenna is 12, she has autism and attends a special school, she sometimes finds school travel very stressful. Clare, Jenna's Mum, would prefer to drive her to school but she needs to take Lily, Jenna's 6 year old little sister to her primary school.

Jenna lives 10 miles away from her special school and receives a PTB of £90 per week, this is around £320 a month or £3510 a year. Clare now drives Jenna to school and drops Lily off on the way, she has used the PTB to pay for breakfast club and after school club for Lily which costs about £50 a week.



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Case study

Jack

Jack is 12 and has severe epilepsy, he used to travel in a taxi with a passenger assistant who was on hand to help if he had a seizure. Jack didn't like travelling in the taxi, he had to get up very early and always got picked up at 3.30pm, this meant he couldn't attend basketball club on a Thursday.

Jack lives 8 miles from school and is eligible for a PTB of £72 per week, this is around £2800 a year or £255 per month. Adam, Jack's Dad, can't drive him to school because of his job, so he's arranged for Paul, Jack's Grandad, to receive the PTB and drive him to school. Grandad Paul knows what to do if Jack has a seizure so he can stop the car and help him when required.

Jack and Grandad Paul are really happy with the PTB, they get to spend more time together and Jack can attend more after school activities. Grandad Paul has put some of the PTB towards leasing a newer car.



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