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Independent Travel Training for people with SEND+

We believe everyone has the right to make safe journeys to visit family and friends, to learn, pursue hobbies, enjoy days out and to have access to more job opportunities.

What is Able To Travel?

A one-off, interactive, and fun session learning about keeping safe when travelling on a bus with the aim of increasing confidence and travelling skills. Sessions are free to attend.

All participants will board a privately hired bus which will travel a pre-planned route in Edgware.

- A TfL member of staff will speak to participants about how to be safe whilst travelling on a bus
- Ticket inspectors will speak about travel cards and the role they play
- Role play scenarios are used to address themes which typically include; stranger danger, theft, undesirable passengers.
- Following a talk on road safety, the bus will stop and participants will be guided outside to cross over at the pedestrian crossing before boarding back on to the bus
- Topics discussed include witnessing a crime, asking for help and safe conversations to have in public.

An Easy Read document with information about the session aimed at trainees is emailed prior to the session.

"I'm so glad we came and I took away some useful information to pass to my other kids. Many thanks again for this brilliant and informative opportunity." *Parent of attendee*

"Pupils really enjoyed and learnt about travelling by bus. Pupils engaged with the actors and were very participative and enthusiastic. Everything was very well planned and adapted to the pupils needs. I really recommend it." *Kisharon school*

"I found the training useful for the trainees because it was taught by people who work in transportation and the officers who involved in every life of the community. This was much better than if it was taught by the schoolteacher for instance. The information was clearly delivered to the level easily understood by the learners." *JCoSS*

"Thank you for offering this training - we thought it was really fantastic for our students and perfectly pitched at their level of understanding and for what they needed." *The Compton School*

Who is it for?

Children (from Year 6 upwards) and adults of all ages who:

- live, work, study or travel in Barnet or attend a support group in Barnet or are associated with a Barnet based charity
- are independent travellers or working towards independent travel

and are any of the following:

- children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- adults with disabilities
- anyone who is vulnerable or experiencing high anxiety when travelling

Previous attendees have included people who have ADHD, Autism/ASD, Down syndrome, global Development delay, hearing impairments, learning difficulties, SEMH, speech, language and communication needs, visual impairments, Williams syndrome and wheelchair users.

Where?

We meet at Edgware Bus Station (next to Edgware tube station) and board the Able to Travel bus. The bus follows a pre planned route in Edgware, returning to Edgware Bus Station. Local parking is available.



When?

Sessions take place once a month on Tuesdays, twice a day (10.15am – 11.50am and 12.15 – 13.50). Participants are invited to attend a single session and pre-booking is required. Please email road.safety@barnet.gov.uk for a booking form.

"Interactive, fun whilst learning, trainers used students names. We would like to come back in future with new students." *The Compton*

"The session was presented and communicated very well. it was relevant and I feel everyone learnt something." *East Barnet School*

"It was very fun. The people teaching us were very funny and kind." *East Barnet School student*

"It was extremely useful. In fact the students were discussing the training all the way home. The trainers were very competent. The pupils were able to follow what was going on with great ease. The scenarios were realistic and thought provoking. I would highly recommend this training to others". *Oakhill School*

2. What did you like about the training today?

Help me to learn to get the bus myself

Oakhill School student

"The information is very well communicated in a kind and respectful way." *East Barnet School*

"I do feel the training was really useful for the students, as they are starting to ask questions and discussing different aspects of safety relating to what they have learned. I did find the training useful, as it was able to highlight areas where certain students may need more learning on safety and how to travel safely and independently. This will help to inform our own teaching. The trainers were very clear and able to present information in a way that was easy for the students to understand. What I liked most about the session was the various different actors coming into the room to act out different scenarios that may happen when they are out traveling on public transport. This also allowed them to understand what to do when faced with those scenarios." *JCoSS school*

"Very informative. Very good and important to our students when out and about in public, useful and hands on training very important for our students. Well adapted to our students level of learning. Would recommend this training to any school and special needs sector." *Mapledown School*

"The children engaged very positively with the session and were asking relevant questions to gain better understanding. It was enlightening for me to get a better understanding of our children's current knowledge and experience of public transport and to support them to become safe independent travellers in the future. All trainers were fantastic and the children responded well to them." *Broadfields School*

"I WANT TO DO IT AGAIN PLEASE" *Mapledown School Student*

"They were really nice and it was a really cool experience." *East Barnet School Student*

1. Do you feel the training was useful for the trainee(s)?

Absolutely, it was exactly what we have been looking for.

2. Did you find the training useful?

Yes.

"Thank you very much and the people who were there were very nice and helpful." *Adult attendee*

3. Were the trainers able to present information and communicate well?

Yes it was well done + the scenarios were very clever.

Oakhill School

"It was very practical and precise. No information overload. It was perfect in our opinion." *Parent of attendee*

What did you like about the training today? "Everything. I learn how to keep safe in the bus and crossing the road." *Mapledown School Student*

"P attended and really enjoyed the session and that she felt she leant a lot from the session and would love to attend again in the future. P explained that she feels much more confident using public transport and has not had any issues since." *Barnet Shared Lives Officer*

2. What did you like about the training today?

Everything, absolutely Everything

Oakhill School Student

All feedback comments from 2023 -2024 sessions