



## REQUEST 17623

All of the following questions refer to taxi costs for children in the last financial year 2023/24 under the free school transport scheme. If an answer is not known, please move on to the next question.

1. In the last complete financial year how much did the council spend on providing taxis to bring children to and from school and what was the total number of children?
2. In the last complete financial year, how many children without SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) relied on a taxi provided by the council to bring them to school and what was the total cost for the council?
3. For children without SEND, how many of these children were the sole traveller in the taxi, i.e. it was not shared with another child?
4. For children without SEND what was the most expensive individual contract for a child's travel and what was the approximate distance in miles of the journey?
5. For children without SEND, what was the shortest journey in miles completed by a taxi to bring a child to school?

## RESPONSE

1. The cost for 2023/24 was £5,510,499 and there were a total of 1092 children transported.
2. 2 and the total cost in that year was £6,972.
3. 1.
4. Most expensive per day per passenger (i.e. two journeys) was £83.00 and this was for a distance of 11.8 miles.
5. 1.4 miles.