

Appendix 2

Kent County Council has a statutory duty to provide school transport for certain categories of school age pupils. This is known as “statutory entitlement”.

Age / Type of pupil	Statutory entitlement
Pupils up to the age of 8 (yr 3)	Free transport to the nearest appropriate school if it is more than two miles walking distance from home.
Pupils between the ages of 8 and 16 (yrs 4-11)	Free transport to the nearest appropriate school if it is more than three miles walking distance from home.
Pupils from low income families aged between 8 and 10 (yrs 4-6)	Free transport to the nearest appropriate school if it is more than two miles walking distance from home.
Pupils from low income families aged between 11 and 16 (yrs 7-11) Families with a low income are currently defined as those children entitled to free school meals or whose family is in receipt of maximum working tax credit.	Free transport to one of the three nearest appropriate schools if it is between two and six miles away, or the nearest school preferred by reason of a parent/carer’s religion or belief. It must be more than two miles by the shortest available walking route and not more than 15 miles away.
Pupils with Special Educational Needs, disability or mobility problems.	Free transport to the nearest appropriate school, where the pupil lives within the statutory walking distance from school and where, due to their special needs or disability or mobility problems, they are unable to walk in reasonable safety, even when accompanied. Transport will be provided to pupils who have a statement of special educational need which sets out a requirement for free transport to a particular school specified in the statement.
Pupils living within the statutory walking distance but who are unable to walk in safety to school because of the nature of the route.	Free transport to the nearest appropriate school where the pupil lives within the statutory walking distance from school and where, due to the nature of the route, they are unable to walk in reasonable safety even when accompanied.