

Transport: Early Learning and Childcare



ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSPORT

Early Years is not legally obliged to provide transport, however we recognise the unique rural nature of Argyll and Bute and therefore support may be available in exceptional circumstances.

Parents who think they might have exceptional transport difficulties should contact Early Years for an application form.

PLEASE NOTE: For a support application to be considered your child must be attending your nearest ELC setting.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER BEFORE REQUESTING AN APPLICATION?

- Have you checked public transport options in your area?
- Could you consider car sharing with families you know are attending the same ELC setting?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why must I apply for this despite my older child accessing the school bus?

Transport legislation for school age children and ELC children is not the same. Therefore the administrative procedure to establish entitlement for support is different. There is no legal entitlement to ELC transport.

Q. When should I expect to hear back about my application?

We aim to update you on your application within ten working days.

Q. If I was approved for assistance how long would this be in place?

Support approved due to exceptional circumstances such as ill health, would be reviewed after three months to decide if it shall continue.

[Contact Early Years](#)

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