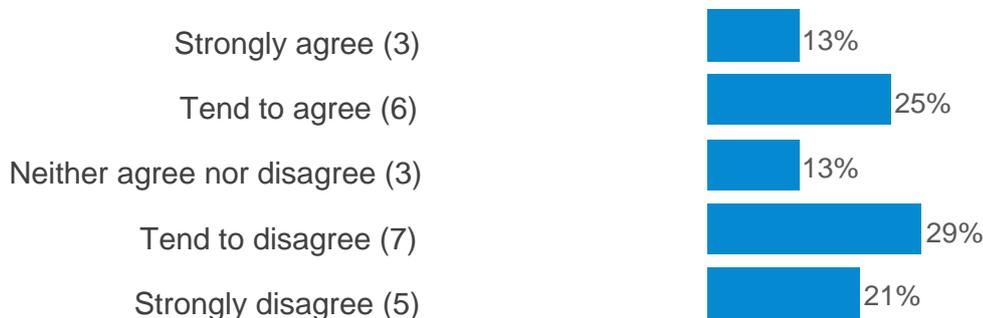


SEND Transport Policy Consultation June 2021

This report provides a top line summary of the results for 24 respondents.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposed SEND Home to School Transport Policy? Please select one option only



Why do you say this?

1. This will make accessing a safe education for children including my own impossible.
2. It's a cost cutting exercise. You don't care about the needs of the kids
3. I personally feel that the policy is a blanket "one-size-fits-all" approach. However, each child with disabilities has different needs and challenges in order to access education. My child lives in Skelmersdale but travels to Preston as this is the nearest appropriate school. He is transported by taxi with an escort who supports his needs and anxieties and helps to keep him calm whilst travelling. He would be unable to travel by public transport at any age as he struggles with queues, other passengers and has behavioural difficulties which make him a flight risk. He wouldn't be able to be transported to school by a parent as he distracts the driver and needs assistance to keep him calm and safe while travelling. I find it concerning also that transport stops when a child reaches 16 despite the fact that they are required to be education until 18. This may lead to a disruption in education and cause upheaval and distress if a child is moved from there school, security and any social relationships. Things which are challenging for those with disabilities and Special Educational Needs. I know from my child experience of not being able to attend school during COVID for example has increased his anxieties and has had a big impact on his emotional and mental health for not being able to attend his education.
4. It is good to support as many pupils as possible to become independent travellers but many SEND pupils will not be ready for this until later in school life.
5. This is all about saving money, if parents thought that their children could travel to school independently we would encourage it, all parents want their children to be independent. When you introduce this new policy my child who is based in Oswaldtwistle will not be able to go to her local special needs school (broadfield) as you are shutting it down, she will have to go to a school in Burnley and if was to use public transport would have to catch three buses and finally walk to the school, its an absolutely ridiculous idea, Lancashire County Council are the most inept and useless government body to deal with. My daughter is now ten and you have never done an EHCP on time, you usually only ever deliver them after my wife has made an official complaint, so I have every confidence that your proposed move of broadfield will be a disaster and this hairbrained idea is your next disaster about to happen, you should all be ashamed of yourselves because you don't care at all about children with special needs and it is all about saving money.
6. I disagree because transport policy's in place do not meet the need of the children with additional needs
7. Travel trained? This term is derogatory! My child is not a robot! You clearly lack any experience of a child with disabilities with learning disabilities!
8. The policy is about saving money! It not about providing services to disabled users! The bus enables our child to have a successful day at school as the transitioning is an issue for our child due to autism. He would not have a good day at school if we had to take him. He wouldn't

leave us and it would take him a long time to calm down! The bus is a transition which enables him to access an education!

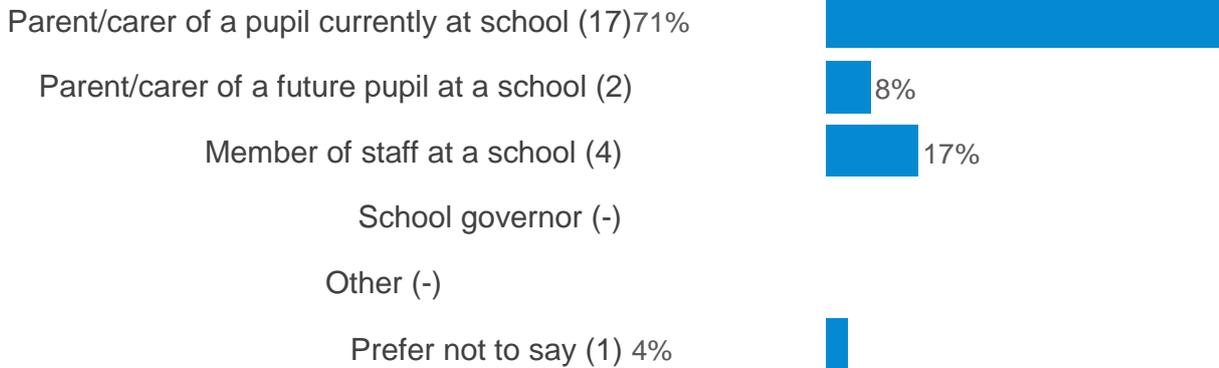
9. It is crazy that other siblings are not taken into account as a single parent with two primary school aged children, one of which disabled it is impossible to be in two places at once. In an ideal world I would not have a disabled child and my children would go to the same school.
10. My son is extremely vulnerable and I would not be happy with him travelling alone on multiple buses to get to his school.
11. Whilst I understand the idea in independent travel, I feel our children would be vulnerable to bullying and/ or being hurt by the general public
12. In relation to the preparing for adulthood agenda, it fits with the kinds of skills we want young people to acquire where this is appropriate.
13. Independent travel programme is great but cannot be blanket wide. Needs to be dependent on the young person's abilities to cope with such training. Provision post 16 is very much needed in a lot of circumstances.
14. The changes mentioned all seem very sensible
15. Without this provision I believe my child's school would have given up on him a long time ago
16. My concerns are Pick up /drop off points rather than door to door. This would not work for the majority of send families I know for a variety of reasons - wheelchair users - time taken to transport child to vehicle to get to the point, then take them out and put onto school transport. And the physical amount of space needed at drop off point for large Wavs to gather alongside other children. children could be prone to running and the transfer from parent to bus opens up opportunities for that to happen. Passenger assistants are a vital part of school transport - they ensure all children are safe - the driver on his own would not be able to do this.

Do you have any suggestions to improve the policy?

1. Currently I am transporting my child to school and I am receiving one way transport there but not back. I have since learned that other parents that transport their children to school receive the funding for full 4 trips. The policy needs to be updated so that there is consistency in all receiving the correct funding for transport.
2. Don't always go for the cheapest option, often a false economy with so many problems. Build more special schools or hubs.
3. Increase transport support to apply to over 16's. Liaise with Parent/Carers and advisory bodies as to how transport can be assessed on a case by case basis.
4. it needs to be very individualized.
5. Leave it as it is
6. Transportation times from picking children up to arrival at school
7. No
8. Yes put more money into the service NOT out!
9. LCC ought to be looking to putting more money into services for disabled children and adults! Covid has significantly impacted on families with disabled children/persons in household and we feel like the forgotten minority and the first to receive the biggest cuts to services! It's not fair!
10. To be more considerate of the impact on the families of the disabled child
11. Look at each child individually rather seeing a number. The council seem to think oh they have turned
12. 16 now and no longer have additional needs. Unfortunately this is not the case and puts the vulnerable 16 year old at great risk.
13. It feels like it lacks detail, particularly around the independent travel programme, which has potentially huge ramifications for yp post 16.
14. A summary version and FaQ's section
15. Yes. Make funded transport available to those unable to manage independent travel.
16. No
17. Allowing Drivers and or Passenger Assistants to become more hands on if needed, they know the children in their care every day and each child is different, some needing more encouragement to actively use transport due to their needs than others.

18. Keep door to door pick ups and ensure passenger assistant on each route. Ensure every child's needs are considered when changes are implemented. They are all unique and one blanket policy won't suit everybody.

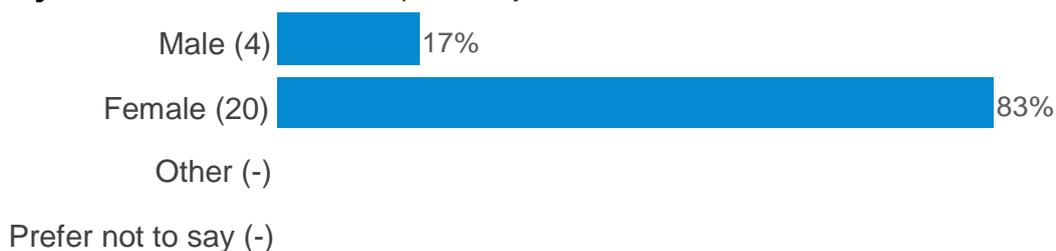
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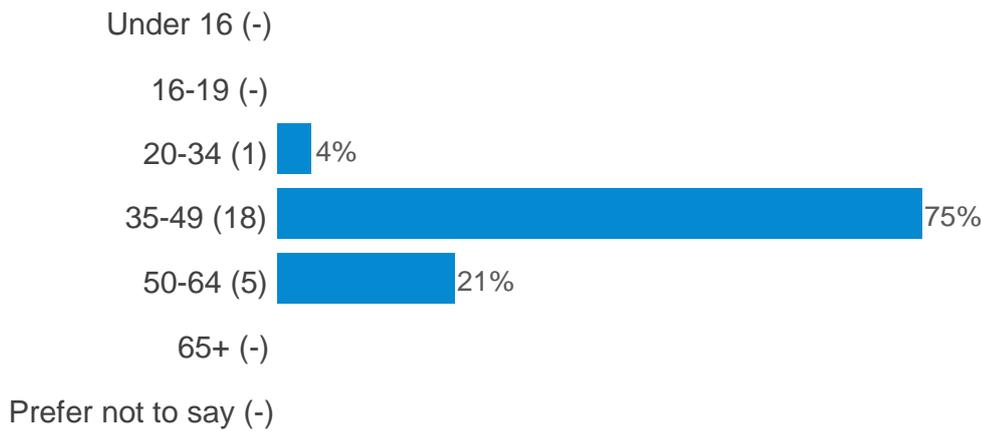
Please type name of the school below

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| School Out of Lancs but we live in Lancs | Royal cross primary school | Great Arley |
| Sir Tom Finney Community High | Acorns Primary | The Loyne Specialist School |
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Are you...? Please select one option only



What was your age on your last birthday? Please select one option only



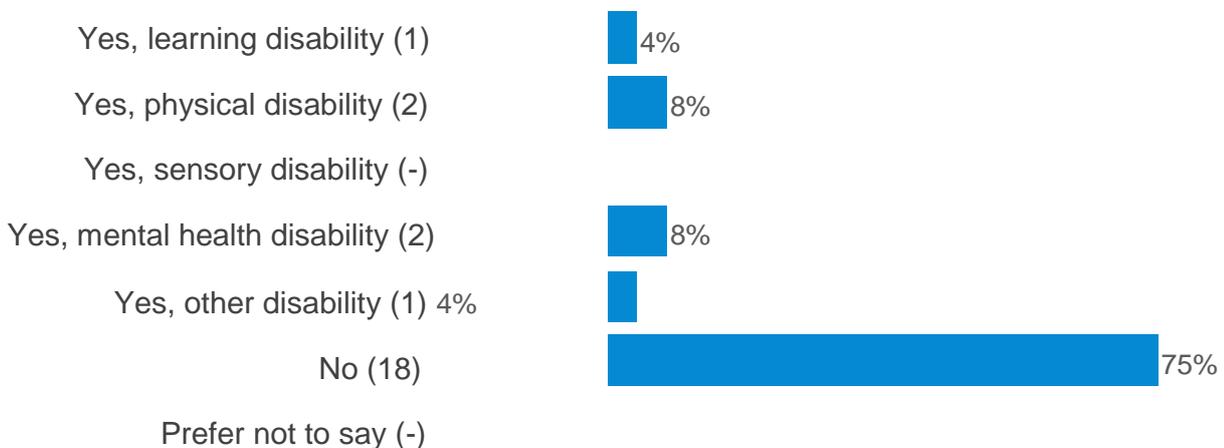
Which of the following best describes your ethnic background? Please select one option only



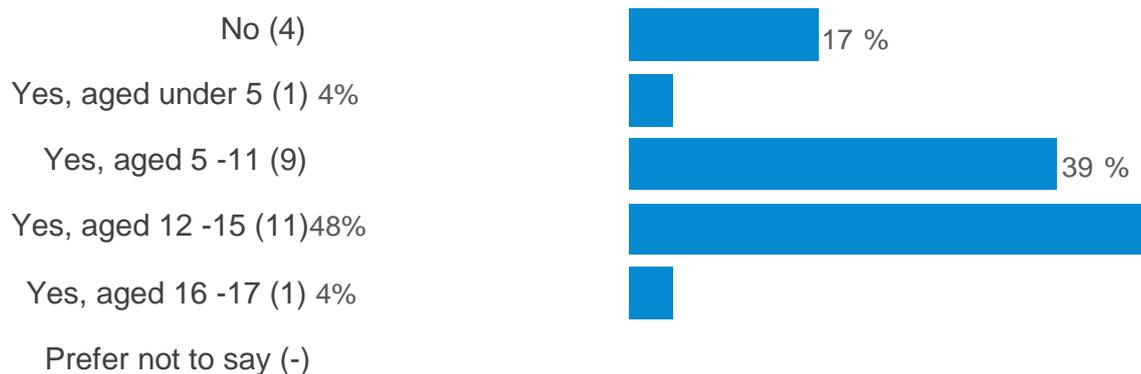
Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability?

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Please select as many as apply



Are there any children or young people in your household with special educational needs? *Please select as many as apply*



What is your home postcode?

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