

School transport

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Key to findings

- MI** = Maladministration and injustice
M = Maladministration, but no injustice
NM = No maladministration found
LS = Local settlement report (**until 31 March 2003**)
FR = Further (second) report issued

2006/2007

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. Gateshead MBC	05C03466	25 May 06 MI
withdrawal of free school transport for disabled boy – reinstated after threat of legal action – new policy, transport withdrawn again – reinstated on appeal after second threat of legal action- unreasonable refusal to pay legal fees, having done so on the first occasion		

2005/2006

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
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2004/2005

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2003/2004

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| 1. Durham County C | 02C10205 | 28 August 03 NM |
| refusal to provide assistance with home to school transport for nearest denominational school of choice – strict adherence to policy – Anglican family, no Anglican school in area, nearest one 20 miles away – opted for nearest Catholic school – as family not Catholic, policy is not to provide assistance | | |

2002/2003

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| 1. Merton LB | 01B05259 | 27 June 02 MI |
| refusal to provide bus pass for son - failure to take account of safety of route | | |

2001/2002

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| 1. Lancashire CC | 00C12531 | 30 October 01 LS |
| Local settlement report - refusal to pay full transport costs - child not give place at two preferred schools within three miles of home, placed at school seven miles away | | |

2. East Riding of Yorkshire C 00C00077
Further report - 1st report issued 26 March 2001

21 January 02 FR

2000/2001

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. Barnet LB	98A01550	11 April 00 MI
daughter of orthodox Jewish family - free school transport on Friday afternoons - new policy - inadequate consultation		
2. Leeds City C	00C00509	29 August 00 MI
Catch 22 - transport to school of child with learning difficulties - statement named parents preferred school, but council refused to pay transport costs, knowing parents could not afford them - unreasonable interpretation of Code of Practice - failure to negotiate as promised on transport costs: also Special educational needs		
3. Leeds City C	98C05219	5 October 00 MI
following bullying and injury, child transferred to another school - rejection of application for transport costs - failure to consider request properly		
4. Durham CC	98C05032	5 October 00 M
ill-founded belief of RC parents that agreement had been reached to regard their choice of school as appropriate for transport purposes - some deficiencies in report to committee - breach of Nat Code of LG Conduct by Diocesan member when speaking on parents' behalf		
5. East Riding of Yorkshire C	00C00077	26 March 01 MI
school bus driver banned after alleged incident on school bus - failure to consider position - failure to seek formal advice from police - relied on off the cuff remarks later criticised by Police Complaints Authority		

1999/2000

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1998/1999

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| 1. Durham CC | 97C02497 | 8 September 98 LS |
| Local settlement report - group of 28 parents - withdrawal of concessionary travel - financial hardship - alleged release of personal information | | |

1997/1998

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1996/1997

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1995/1996

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. Bradford MBC free transport withdrawn wrongly	93C03237 & 94C02174	20 June 95 MI
2. Leeds City C Special educational needs: recommendations by appeal panel that child with s e needs attend certain school and council provide transport	94C03798	13 March 96 MI

1994/1995

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. Northumberland CC inconsistent provision of free transport	92C01081	21 April 94 MI
2. Cumbria CC provision of transport - failure to consider safety of walking route	91C03664	5 May 94 MI
3. Cumbria CC provision of transport - failure to consider safety of walking route	92C00462	5 May 94 MI
4. Newham LB withdrawal of free travel pass from pupils attending school outside borough - decision taken unreasonably in the middle of school year - failure to consult parents	92A04119	7 November 94 MI

1993/1994

Authority	Ref no	Date/Finding
1. Tower Hamlets LB & ILEA assistance with transport - failure to provide information on schools to non-English speaking parents: also School admissions	91A00343 91A00345	20 April 93 MI
2. Berkshire CC student travel expenses	92B03112	23 February 94 MI