



Home to School Transport Parent Portal



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1. Registering a new account

Please ensure donotreply@darlington.gov.uk is in your safe senders list in your email address

- Go to [Portal Registration](#)
- Select login/register

 Home to School Travel Apply for Home to School Travel	 Login / Register Login or Register for account
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- Select the register for a new account button

New users

If you're new to Parent Portal Live, sign up for an account here

[Register for new account](#)

- Enter your forename and surname and phone number

Forename *

Surname *

Phone number

- Once the above details are entered select the Next button

- Enter your email address
- Create a password – your password must meet the policy requirements which is shown on the right side of the screen

Email address *

Password *

Confirm password *

Back

Next

Cancel

- Once entered select the next button

Back

Next

Cancel

- A screen will appear asking you to enter a code, this will be emailed to the email address you provided at registration – if this is not received, please check your spam/junk folder

Thank you for using ParentPortal_UAT2. Please enter the following code on the email verification page:

4624 1257

Kind regards

ParentPortal_UAT2

If you can't find this email, it may be in your spam/junk email folder.

Code *

4624 1257

Back

Next

Cancel

[Please send me a new code](#)

Once the code is entered please select the Next button

Back

Next

Cancel

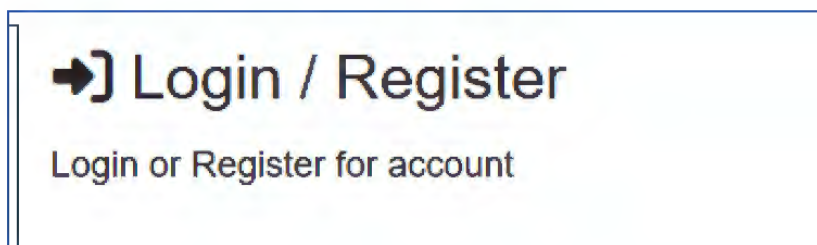
- Your account has now successfully been created, click the Continue button to log into your account.

Your registration has been completed successfully. Click **Continue** to carry on with your session.

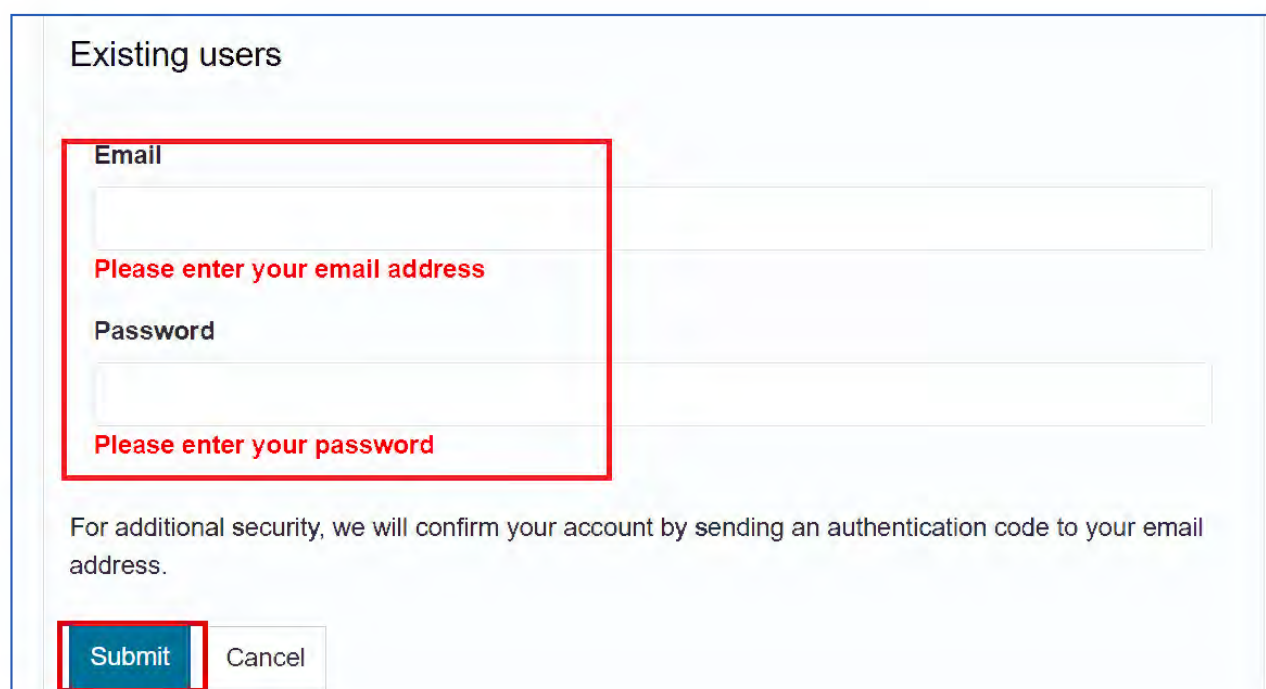
Continue

2. Signing into an existing account

- Go to [the portal login page](#)
- Select login/register

A rectangular button with a blue border. On the left is a dark blue icon of a right-pointing arrow inside a square bracket. To the right of the icon, the text "Login / Register" is displayed in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below this, the text "Login or Register for account" is displayed in a smaller, dark blue font.

- Enter your email address and password that you used to register your account (if you have forgotten your password use the forgotten password link)

A screenshot of a web form titled "Existing users" in a dark blue font. The form has a light blue background. It contains two input fields: "Email" and "Password". The "Email" field has a red border and a red error message "Please enter your email address" below it. The "Password" field also has a red border and a red error message "Please enter your password" below it. Below the input fields, there is a paragraph of text: "For additional security, we will confirm your account by sending an authentication code to your email address." At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Submit" (highlighted with a red border) and "Cancel".

- Select the Submit button
- You will receive an email verification code (there can sometimes be a delay in the code arriving, so please allow time for the code to arrive via email). if it has not arrived after 10-15 minutes, you can select the 'Please send me a new code' option
- If this is not received, please also check your spam/junk folder and that the email address is in your safe sender list

Thank you for using Parent Portal Live. Please enter the following code on the login verification page:

7828 6523

Many thanks,
Parent Portal Live

If you can't find this email, it may be in your spam/junk email folder.

Code *

[Please send me a new code](#)

- If you do not receive your code, you can select – please send me a new code

3. Password Reset

- If you are unable to log into your account, you can complete a password reset
- Select the forgotten password from the login screen

Email

Password

For additional security, we will confirm your account by sending an authentication code to your email address.

[Forgotten password?](#)

- Enter your email address and select the next button (please be patient, waiting for your code, it can take some time to come through)

Email

- You will receive an email with a code

Thank you for using Parent Portal Live. Please enter the following code on the login verification page:

7828 6523

Many thanks,
Parent Portal Live

- Enter the code in the password reset page and select the next button

We've just sent you an email to confirm your email address. Please enter the code in this email below.

If you can't find an email, it may be in your Spam/Junk email folder or the email address provided is not registered with us.

Code

- Enter your new password (password policy is on the right side of the page)
- Confirm your new password
- Select the finish button

Reset password - step 3

Please enter your new password

Your new password

Confirm password

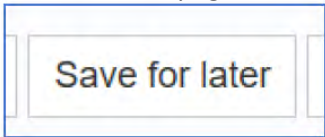
Finish

Cancel

4. Saving a form

As you are completing the application form, please ensure you select the save for later button at the bottom frequently. This will save the form as you go. This will prevent you from losing your application as you fill it out.

- To save a form as you proceed with your application, select the save for later button and the bottom of the page



- You will receive a message advising that your form has been saved

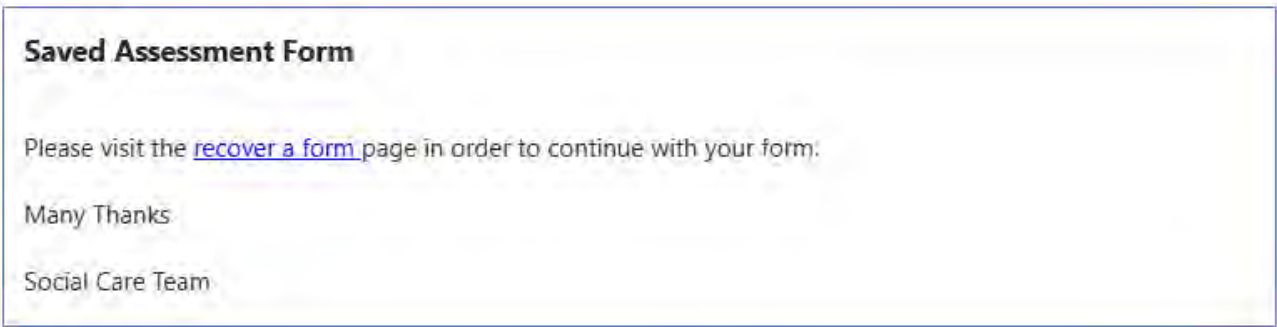
Save Form

Your form has been saved. An email confirmation has been sent. You have 31 days to submit the form.

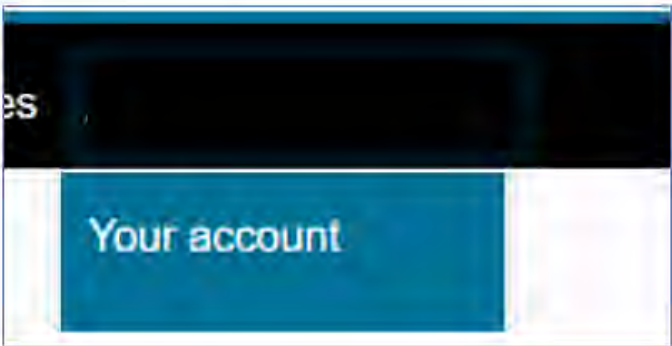
Close

5. Picking up a saved form

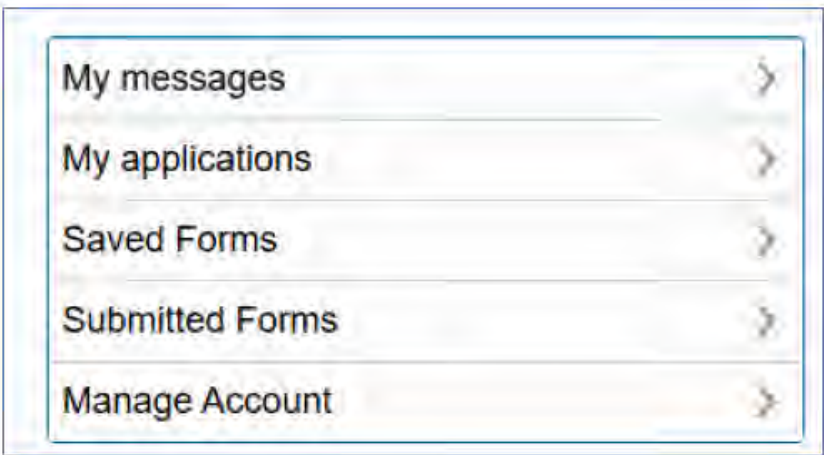
- If you have saved a form, there are two ways to access this:
 1. You will receive an email, follow the link to pick up your saved form



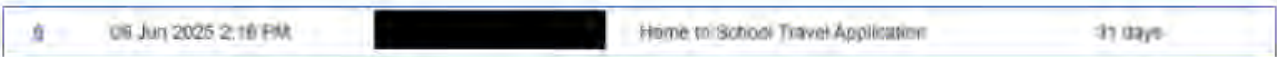
2. log in and navigate to your name – select it then your account



3. On the navigation pane you will be see saved forms

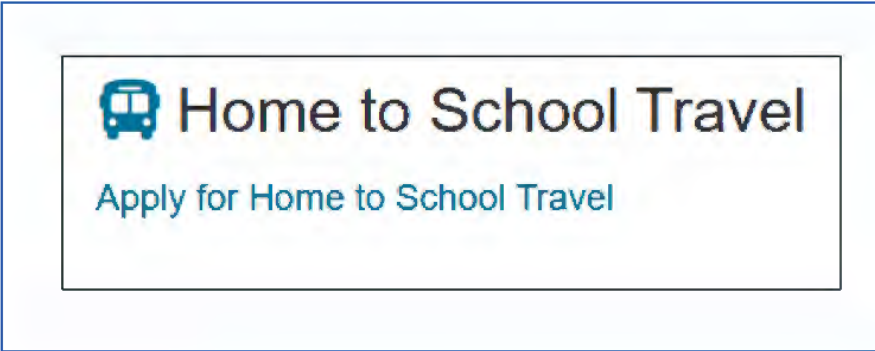


4. You will see the forms you have saved and be able to select it to start the form again, the form will save for 31 days

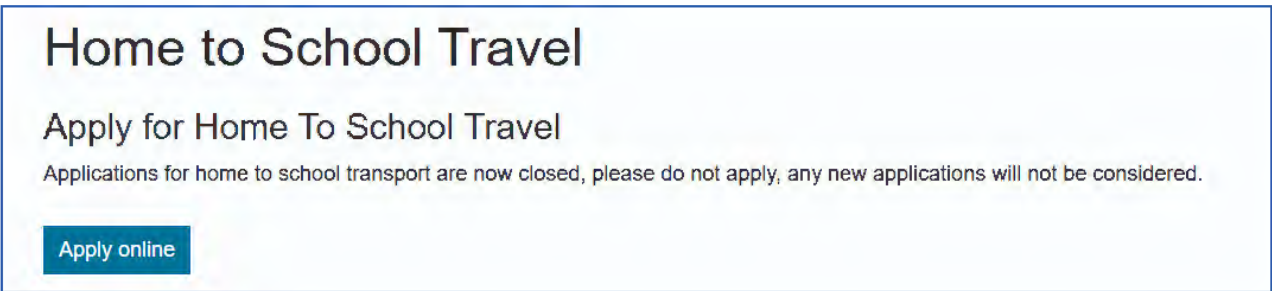


6. Home to School travel application

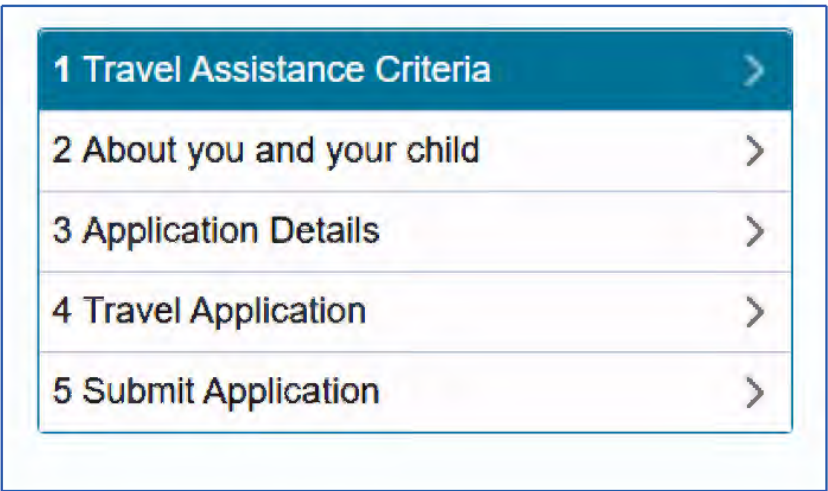
- Navigate to Home to School Travel and select the icon



- Select apply online



- The index guide on the left hand side of the screen will let you know which section of the form you are currently on, it will be highlighted in blue



6.1 Travel Assistance Criteria

- Please read the travel assistance criteria on the page and the [School transport page](#)
- Confirm you have the travel assistance policy

Travel Assistance Criteria

You must read the Travel Assistance policy before continuing your application. They can be found on our [School Transport page](#), with a brief outline below.

Eligible Children

- Those children attending their nearest school if over the statutory walking distance for their age
- Could not reasonably be expected to walk to that school because of special educational needs, disability or mobility problems even if accompanied by a parent
- Would not be able to walk to that school in reasonable safety, even if accompanied by a parent

Extended Rights

- A child is eligible if aged over 8 but under 11 and attends their nearest school and it is more than 2 miles from their home
- A child is eligible if aged 11 to 16 and attends their nearest school and it is more than 2 miles but not more than 6 miles from their home
- A child is eligible if aged 11 to 16 and attends their nearest school and it is more than 2 miles but not more than 15 miles from their home on the grounds of religion or belief and there is no suitable school that is nearer to their home

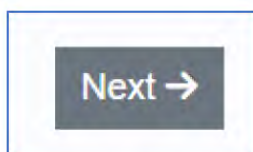
Discretionary Travel Assistance

- Local Authorities also have the discretion to go beyond their statutory duties and can provide transport for those children who are not entitled to free transport, this can include charging for all, or part of the travel arrangements made.

Travel Assistance Policy Declaration *

- ☒ I confirm I have read the DBC travel assistance policy

- Select the next button



6.2 About you and your child

- Fill out the application details – these are the parent's details
 1. Title
 2. First name
 3. Last Name
 4. Email address
 5. A telephone number
 6. Preferred contact method



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Applicant Details". It contains several input fields for personal information. The fields are arranged vertically, with labels on the left and input boxes on the right. The labels are: "Title", "First name *", "Last Name *", "Email *", "Home telephone", "Work telephone", "Mobile telephone", and "Preferred contact method *". The "First name", "Last Name", "Email", and "Preferred contact method" fields are marked with an asterisk, indicating they are required. The "Home telephone", "Work telephone", and "Mobile telephone" fields are optional. The input boxes are white with a light blue border. The "Preferred contact method" field has a small downward arrow on the right side, indicating it is a dropdown menu.

Field Label	Field Type
Title	Text
First name *	Text
Last Name *	Text
Email *	Text
Home telephone	Text
Work telephone	Text
Mobile telephone	Text
Preferred contact method *	Dropdown

- Enter the details of who the application is for and the address from which transport is needed
 - First name
 - Last name
 - Date of birth
 - Sex
 - House number or name
 - Postcode


Who is the application for?

First name *

Last name *

Date of birth *

dd-mm-yyyy



Pronouns

Sex *

Address

House number or name

Postcode *

- Once address details are entered, select the find address button, this will find your address, or you can enter it manually

Find address

Enter address

- Once completed, select the next button (don't forget to save as you go!)

Next →

6.3 Application details

- On the application details page, select your reason for application, and if there is any additional information to enter, please fill this out before proceeding to the next page

Application Details

- Reason for Application *
- ☐ New Application
 - ☐ Moved School
 - ☐ Moved Home
 - ☐ Renewal


6.4 Travel Application

- Fill out the travel application form by selecting the date transport is required, and answer the questions

Travel Application

Date from which transport is required *

dd-mm-yyyy



Please allow for 10 working days for processing of application

Are you receiving Maximum Level Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does your child receive a Free School Meal? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is your child attending the nearest School from their home address and do you believe it to be over the statutory walking distance, appropriate to their age? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Are you applying due to an unsafe walking route? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is your child attending a School based on the grounds of religion or belief? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

- If you are applying on the basis of SEN, disability or mobility problems, select yes, and further questions will appear; if you are not selecting due to SEN needs, skip to item 7 - Submit Application

Are you applying due to SEN, disability or mobility problems? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

6.5 Applying for Special Education Needs/Medical

This section is long, so please ensure that you fill everything out as fully as possible, provide all evidence and save regularly as you proceed through the application

- Fill out the form by selecting yes or no to the questions and entering information into the text boxes

Does your child have a current Education and Health Care Plan/

☒ Yes

☐ No

Does your child have a current medical need? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide details of their SEND needs, learning difficulty, medical need or behavioural needs *

Why do you feel that your child needs travel assistance? *

- In the 'School / College Details' section, select whether the school / college is local, OOA (Out of Authority) or choose to enter the details manually.

School/ College Details

School / College you are requesting assistance to

Select Search Option

☒ Search Local Establishments

☐ Search OOA Establishments

☐ Enter Establishment Manually

- The option to 'Search Local Establishments' will allow you to type in part of the school's name and select them from the list.

School / College you are requesting assistance to

Select Search Option

☒ Search Local Establishments

☐ Search OOA Establishments

☐ Enter Establishment Manually

Select Establishment

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Abbey Infants' School

Abbey Junior School

Please enter times in 24hr format

- The option to 'Search OOA Establishments' will allow you to enter the name of an out of authority school, and then select them from a drop-down list.

School / College you are requesting assistance to

Select Search Option

- ☐ Search Local Establishments
- ☒ Search OOA Establishments
- ☐ Enter Establishment Manually

Search OOA Establishments

durham

Search

Select Establishment

Select Establishment

Select Establishment

Durham Academy (Durham)

Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation (Durham)

Please enter times in 24hr format.

Please provide the school start and finish times for each day in 24hr format.

- The option to 'Enter Establishment Manually' will allow you to type in the school / college's details by hand.

School/ College Details

School / College you are requesting assistance to

Select Search Option

- ☐ Search Local Establishments
- ☐ Search OOA Establishments
- ☒ Enter Establishment Manually

Establishment Name

Durham Johnstone School

- Enter the School start and finish time for each day in 24 hour format

Please provide the school start and finish times for your child

incorrect times or changes to session times in the future may lead to some delay in providing assistance

	Start Time (AM)	Finish Time (PM)
Monday	08:45	15:15
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

- Enter the days travel assistance is required. For those days when your child will require pickup, select 'Yes' from the drop-down list

What days will your child require travel assistance on

If your child attends full day(s) you do not need to answer AM Drop off or PM Pick Up options

	AM Pick Up	PM Drop Off
Monday	Yes	Yes
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

- Enter details of current travel arrangements by selecting yes or no and typing in the boxes provided

Current Travel Arrangements

Was your child at school / college ☐ Yes
in the last academic year? * ☐ No

Does your child have a mobility ☐ Yes
pass for travel on public ☐ No
transport? *

Please tell us how your child travels with you on evenings and weekends? *

Please tell us how your school / college transports your child on school / college trips? *

Can your child travel ☐ Yes
accompanied on public ☐ No
transport? *

Would your child be capable of ☐ Yes
carrying out Independent travel ☐ No
training? *

Is your child currently carrying ☐ Yes
out any type of independent ☐ No
travel training? *

If your child is not able to travel
on public transport, even if
accompanied, please explain
why? *

- Enter details of pupil mobility and access to transport – you can multi select on these questions

Pupil Mobility & Access to Transport

Is your child able to * ☐ Walk unaided
☐ Walk with assistance?
☐ Climb steps?
☐ N/A

Does your child * ☐ Use a mobility aid to walk
☐ Need assistance to get in and out of a vehicle?
☐ N/A

Does your child need to take any ☐ Crutches
of the following equipment * ☐ Posture Walker
☐ Folding Frame
☐ Rigid or Fixed Frame
☐ Other
☐ N/A

- Select yes/no on questions and fill out the text box

Does your child use a wheelchair? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please note that all service users **must** wear a seatbelt when they travel to and from school / college. If your child refuses to wear a seatbelt we may not be able to provide them with transport

Does your child require a harness? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your child require a car seat * ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please give details of any other seating requirements *

- If relevant, you can select multiple choices for health needs, medical and behavioural needs – when ticked a box to provide, details will appear to enter more information

Health needs, medical and behavioural needs

Does your child have any health needs that we need to be aware of? Please indicate all that apply:

☒ Allergies
☐ Autistic Spectrum Disorder
☐ Balance and co-ordination difficulties
☐ Behavioural difficulties
☐ Breathing difficulties
☐ Breathing difficulties requiring suction
☐ Continence difficulties
☒ Diabetes not yet controlled
☐ Hearing difficulties or impairment
☐ Moderate learning difficulties
☐ Multi-sensory impairment
☐ Physical Disability
☐ Profound and multiple learning difficulties
☐ Profound challenging behaviour
☐ Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
☐ Speech, language or communication difficulty
☐ Visual Impairment
☐ Other (not listed above)

Please provide details
Allergies

Please provide details
Diabetes - not yet controlled

- Select the options for behaviour and anxieties if relevant, these are multi-choice boxes where you can select more than one that applies, anything ticked will bring up a box to provide more details

Behaviour and Anxieties

Does your child present any of the following behaviours? Please indicate all that apply

If you select yes to any of the options, please provide as much detail as you can including: the frequency of the behaviours, any actions which might help and what, if any, warning signs, triggers staff should be aware of

☐ Verbal
☐ Throwing Missiles
☐ Spitting/tantrums/tears
☐ Grabbing i.e. hair, neck, arm, clothing, jewellery etc.
☐ Undressing
☐ Sexualised behaviour
☐ Likely to attempt to flee the vehicle during travel
☐ Likely to attempt to flee when getting in/out
☒ Other

Please provide details

Other

- Enter details into the boxes about behaviour on School transport and anything important to the child/young person

How is your child likely to behave on transport, bearing in mind that at first the transport staff and any other passengers may be new to them? Is there anything which might make them anxious i.e. noise, smell, physical contact etc.? *

Please let us know what is important to your child to help us to keep them safe whilst travelling and ensure a successful journey. Is there any other information which you need to share with us? *

- Select the next button

7. Submit application and supporting information

Upload any documentation relevant to your application, without this, your application may be rejected or take longer to process, this can be medical evidence, EHCP, working tax credit/universal credit

- Select the upload document

Submit Application

Supporting Documentation

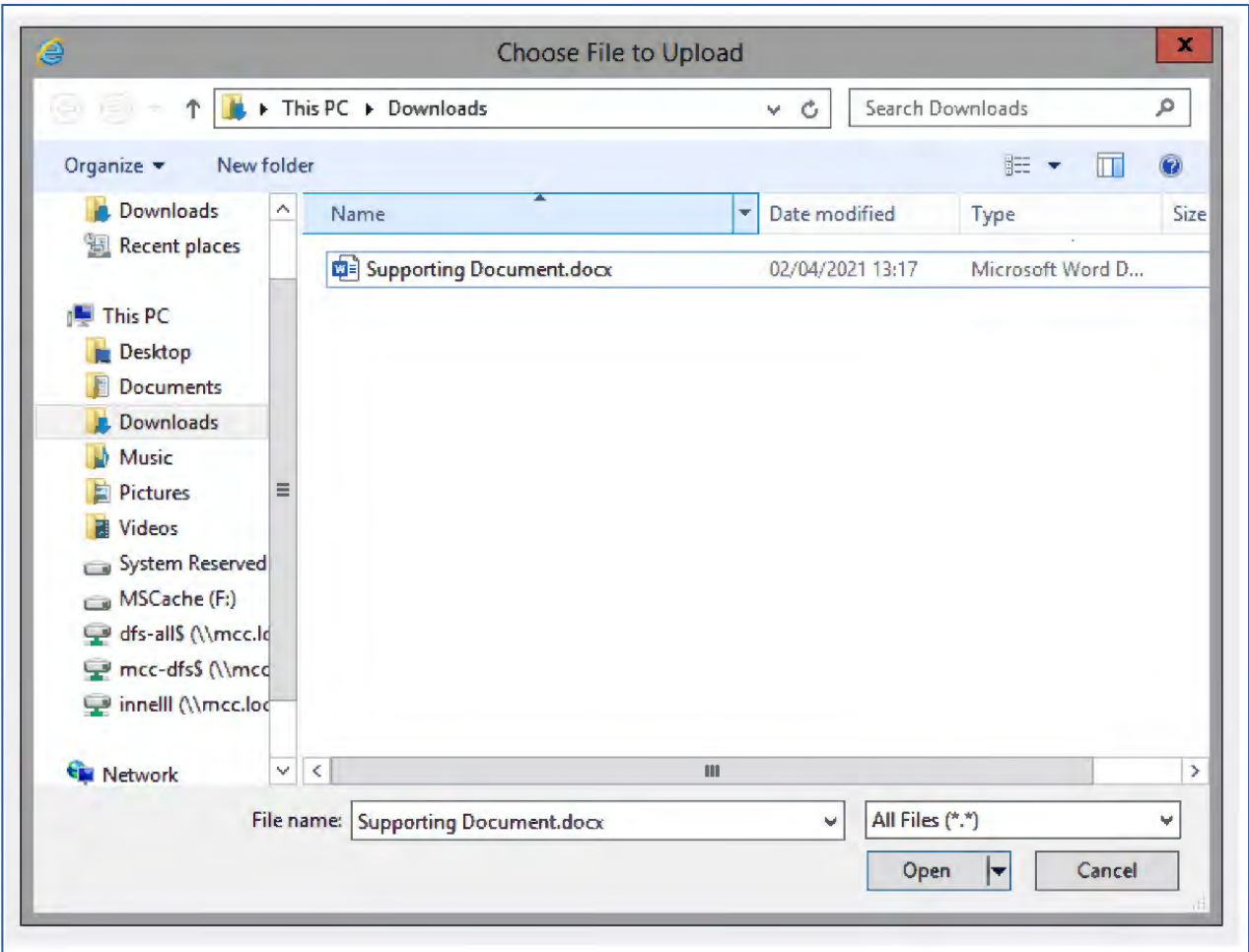
Please provide (Upload) supporting documentation (working tax credit/universal credit - award notice)

Please provide (Upload) (medical or health information in relation to the application)

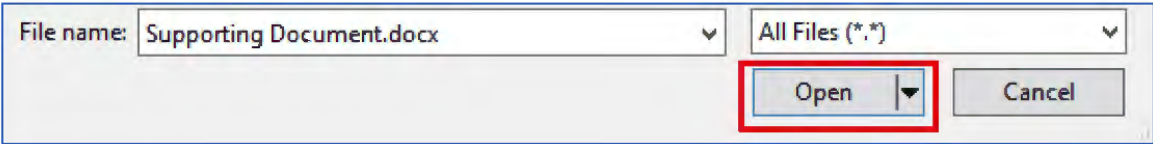
Attachment

Upload Document

- Select the supporting documents that you wish to upload



Click on the Open button to select that document and upload it




- Please note that only the following document types can be uploaded

Accepted extensions: jpg
png
doc
docx
pdf
xls
xlsx

- The Supporting Documents section will now show the document that has been uploaded

Supporting Documentation

 Supporting Evidence.doc

Remove

- Confirm you have uploaded all relevant documentation

Supporting Evidence *

☒ I confirm I have uploaded all relevant documentation to support my application

- Read the declaration, and then click the tick-box to confirm that you have read and agree with it.

- I understand that Darlington Borough Council may share this information with other relevant and necessary, including the transport operator for the transport

*

☒ I accept the above declaration

- When you are happy that the form is complete, then click 'Submit Application'.

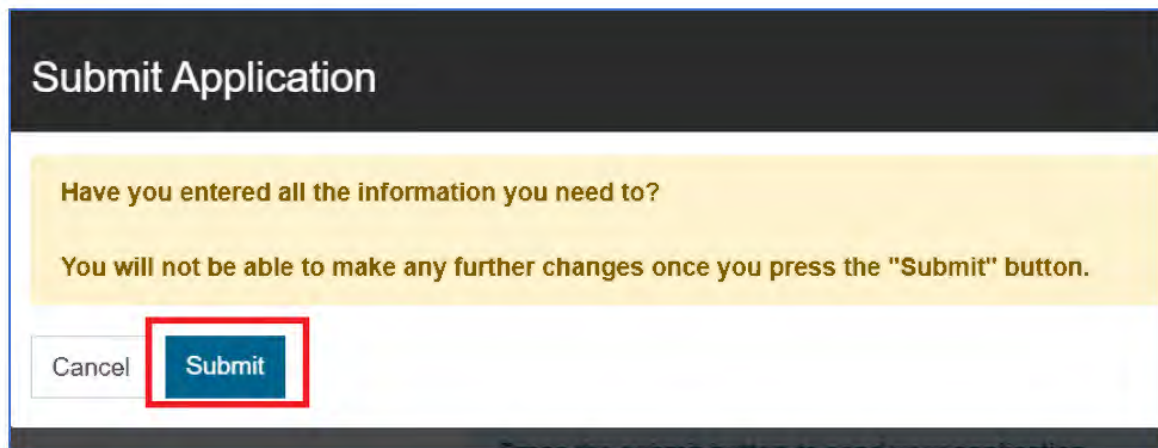
Send Form for Consideration

Press the submit button to send your application.

Submit Application

← Previous

- Then click 'Submit' a second time.

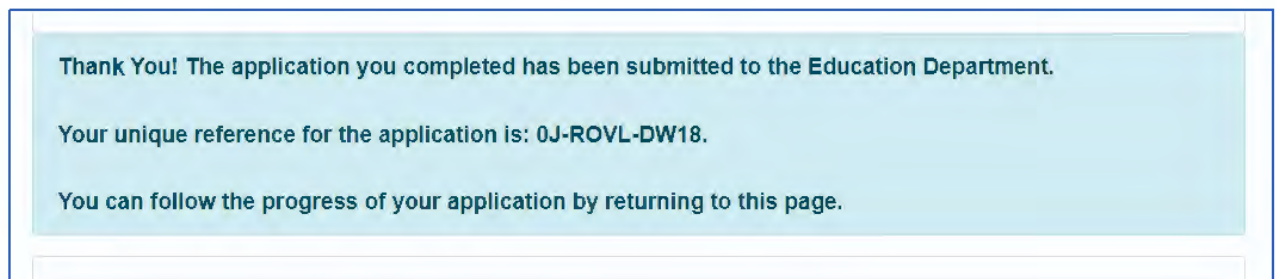


Submit Application

Have you entered all the information you need to?

You will not be able to make any further changes once you press the "Submit" button.

- You will then be given a reference number for your applications



Thank You! The application you completed has been submitted to the Education Department.

Your unique reference for the application is: 0J-ROVL-DW18.

You can follow the progress of your application by returning to this page.

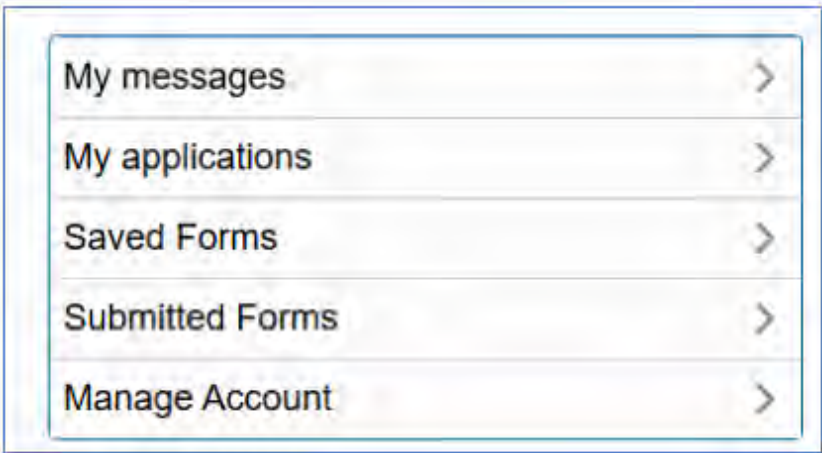
- Once your form is submitted, you will receive an email to advise that your application has been submitted, with your unique application reference number

8. My Applications

9. To view your applications, log in and navigate to your name – select it, then your account



10. On the navigation pane you will be see My applications



- You will see your applications and whether they have been submitted, or not and the date along with unique reference code

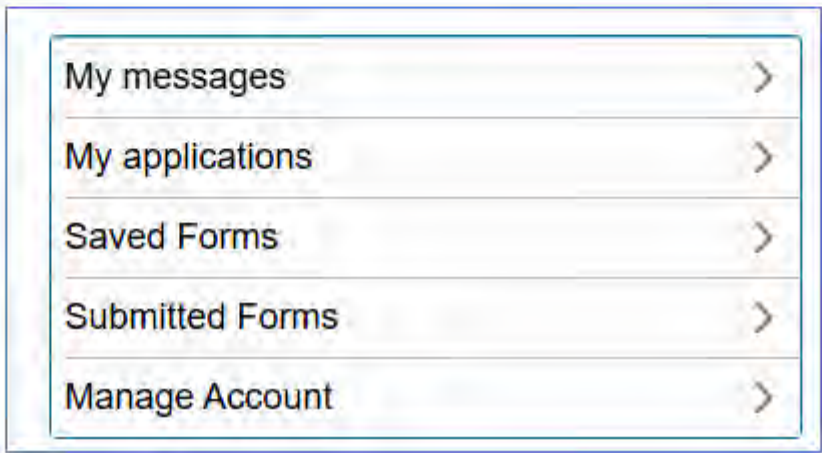
10	07/08/2024 14:12	B41-2024-09-E-000039	Not Submitted
19		B41-2025-09-E-000026	Submitted
20		B41-2023-57-E-000010	Not Submitted
21	02/07/2024 10:50	B41-2023-57-E-000015	Not Submitted

9. View Submitted forms

5. If you have submitted an application, log in and navigate to your name – select it, then your account



6. On the navigation pane you will see Submitted forms

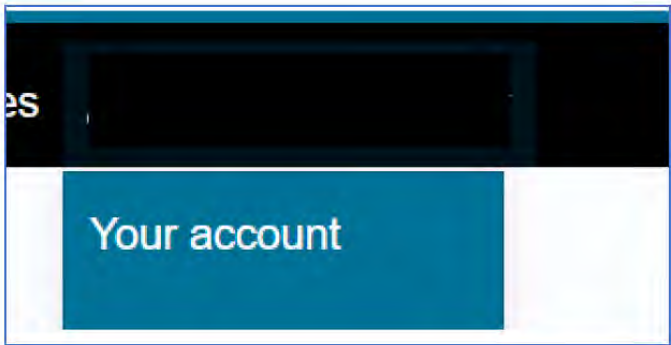


7. Once selected, you will be able to see your applications that have been submitted and the date; these are available for 90 days

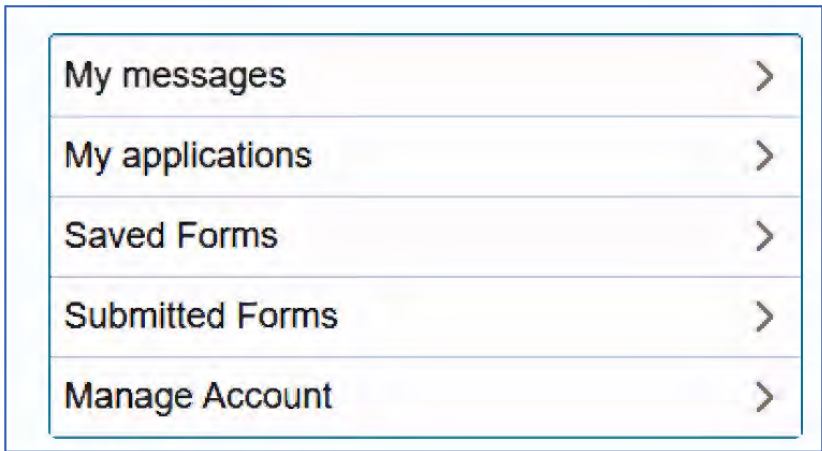
Description	Name(s)	Date	Response	Unique Reference	Version
Home to School Travel Application		08 May 2025	No response posted		

10. Download a PDF

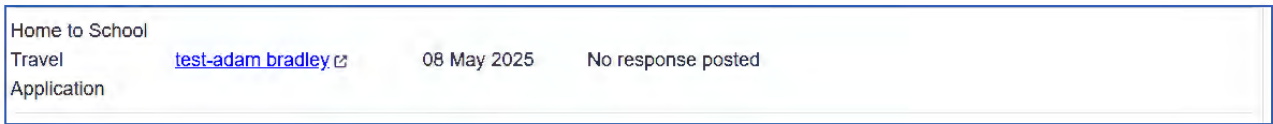
8. To download a PDF, log in and navigate to your name – select it, then your account



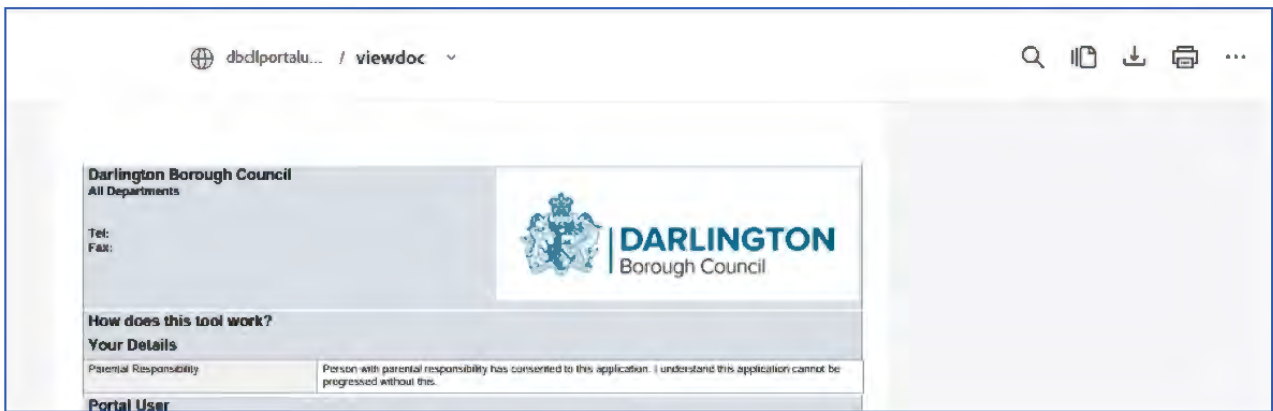
- On the navigation pane you will see Submitted forms



- Select the name

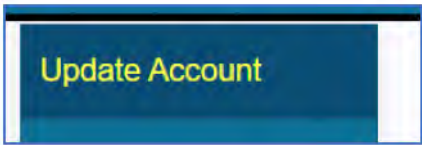


- This should open it as a PDF
- Select the download or print button in the top right corner



11. Update your account

- If you need to update your account for any reason, first log in
- Navigate to your name in the top corner and select the update account



- Change profile details allows you to update name, phone number, and address
- Changing your email address allows you to update your email address
- Change password allows you to update your password

