Eligibility Criteria for Travel Support Fund

To help families understand who qualifies for our Whitby School Travel Support Fund, we've outlined the key eligibility points below. These are based on North Yorkshire Council's transport policy. We have also stated below who would **not** receive free transport — and therefore may be eligible for our grant.

You May Be Eligible for Our Grant If:

- Your child attends a feeder primary school for Whitby School.
- Your child has been offered a place at Whitby School but is not eligible for free transport under the Council's policy.
- You are **incurring travel costs** to get your child to Whitby School (eg, public transport, petrol).

X You Are Likely Not Eligible for Our Grant If:

- Your child already receives free transport from North Yorkshire Council.
- Your child lives within walking distance of Whitby School:
 - under 2 miles (if under age 8)
 - under 3 miles (if age 8 or over)
- Your child **attends a different secondary school** that is **closer to your home** and was able to offer a place.
- Your child is eligible for free transport due to:
 - a specific **special educational need or disability that is documented in an EHCP**
 - unsafe walking routes
 - low-income household status (e ,. eligible for free school meals).

If you're unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to:

- Use the North Yorkshire School Map Tool to check your **nearest suitable school**. A link to the tool can be found on this page: <u>Finding a school | North</u> <u>Yorkshire Council</u>
- Contact the school office for guidance.