

5th October 2022



**Brook
Green**
CENTRE FOR LEARNING

Dear Parent/Carer

Independent Travel Scheme

We believe that promoting the well-being and independence of our students is an important part of their overall Education. That is why the school is committed delivering high quality Independent Travel training (ITT). ITT means teaching the basic skills to enable your child/young person to start travelling within their local community with increasing independence. It does not mean that your child is suddenly left unaccompanied and expected to fend for themselves; for most people this means a gradual withdrawal of support over a journey or route.

ITT teaches young people to walk specific routes to where they want to go i.e. to shops, Colleges, travelling by bus, walking or cycling. Some modes of transport may be more applicable than others, depending on the individual or where you live. Ultimately, the aim is to transfer skills learned from a specific journey to all situations in the community.

The school would like to focus on Year 10 to ensure that they will be ready for the variety of transport that they will be using to get to their post 16 placements. ITT will be delivered as part of the young person's skill challenge within the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Each young person will be supported by members of staff, but the programme will be overseen and coordinated by Jay Horton from Plymouth City Council.

Once the young person graduates to an independent traveller they will still have access to free school transport for the duration of their time at Brook Green. However, the skills they learn through ITT will stand them in good stead as they make their own way to college and beyond.

Please fill in the enclosed forms by and return them to me (Jon Spree) You are welcome to contact myself to discuss the programme. The ITT session will begin week commencing 31st October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Spree".

Jon Spree
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