

Family transport research checklist

Use this before choosing a property to compare the complete school-home-work-care route, child safety and difficult-day fallback from home.

MOVING FROM	DESTINATION / CITY	PLANNING CURRENCY	LAST CHECKED

HOW TO USE

Read the linked SettleHappy guide first. Tick an item when the answer or evidence is saved in your own move folder. Recheck volatile facts before paying or applying.

1 Define the repeated family journeys

- ☐ Record the exact campus gate, term times, club days and the family's maximum acceptable door-to-gate range.
- ☐ Map each adult's work location and time after drop-off, plus who can leave during illness or early school closure.
- ☐ Name the routine paediatric provider and an appropriate emergency hospital for each shortlisted home.
- ☐ List every child's age, height, weight, mobility needs and the approved restraint or seating position required.

2 Compare real routes and modes

- ☐ Use official operating maps and timetables for both endpoints; include the walk, feeder, interchange, heat, rain and baggage.
- ☐ Request the school's current bus route, pickup window, normal journey range, activity coverage and complete price in writing.
- ☐ Time three home-to-gate options at real morning and afternoon peaks across several weekdays; save normal and difficult-day ranges.
- ☐ Compare a verified school bus, public-transport mix, child-seat-compatible hired car and family car on the same weekly journeys.

3 Prove child safety and lawful operation

- ☐ Save the current government child-restraint, front-seat, helmet and school-vehicle rules; record any taxi or public-vehicle exemption separately.
- ☐ Confirm the exact regular and backup vehicles have usable rear belts or anchorage and can fit every required restraint correctly.
- ☐ For school transport, obtain operator/vehicle authority, insurance, driver and attendant checks, restraint approach, roster, tracking, handover and left-behind-child procedure.
- ☐ For self-drive, confirm the domestic licence, destination-recognised IDP or local licence, correct vehicle category, translation, rental terms, registration and insurance before driving.

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Price the complete weekly system

- ☐ Add school transport, public fares and feeder legs, car/driver, fuel, tolls, parking, insurance, maintenance and paid waiting.
- ☐ Add child restraints, fitting, a second-car or portable solution and replacement after expiry, damage or a crash.
- ☐ Price late activities, illness collection, airport and hospital journeys, weather disruption and temporary transport during repairs.
- ☐ Compare annual cost and retained risk rather than one monthly driver quote, school-bus charge or public fare.

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Stress-test and decide from home

- ☐ Write the fallback for heavy rain, flooding, poor air, public-transport outage, vehicle breakdown and one adult being unavailable.
- ☐ Authorise a backup collector and save school, home, driver, insurer and hospital instructions offline in both relevant languages.
- ☐ Set no-go conditions: repeated cross-city/cross-island school run, no safe restraint fit, unverified operator, motorcycle-dependent child travel or no severe-weather handover.
- ☐ Score each city corridor on ordinary travel time, difficult-day time, child safety, adult resilience and complete annual cost; keep only the combinations that pass every essential gate.

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