



Sperrinview Special School

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Dear Mrs White,

In response to your letter regarding transport barriers for people with learning disabilities entering further education, we would strongly agree that further investigation needs to take place.

I have attached a breakdown of the pupils who left Sperrinview in June 2013, and those leaving in June 2014 and June 2015, to provide you with an indication of the difficulties in this area.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Jordan Principal



**INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE**

**Rural-based students aged 17-20yrs with severe learning difficulties
from Sperrinview Special School**

Pupil	Leaving Date	Trust Area	Nearest town with services	Distance to nearest town
Pupil 1	June 13	Southern	Dungannon	3 miles
Pupil 2	June 13	Northern	Cookstown	0 miles
Pupil 3	June 13	Northern	Cookstown	3 miles
Pupil 4	June 14	Western	Omagh	12 miles
Pupil 5	June 14	Northern	Cookstown	5 miles
Pupil 6	June 14	Southern	Dungannon	13 miles
Pupil 7	June 14	Northern	Cookstown	3 miles
Pupil 8	June 14	Southern	Dungannon	3 miles
Pupil 9	June 14	Southern	Portadown	10 miles
Pupil 10	June 14	Southern	Dungannon	15 miles
Pupil 11	June 15	Northern	Cookstown	6 miles
Pupil 12	June 15	Southern	Dungannon	0 miles
Pupil 13	June 15	Southern	Dungannon	14 miles
Pupil 14	June 15	Southern	Dungannon	0 miles
Pupil 15	June 15	Northern	Cookstown	0 miles
Pupil 16	June 15	Southern	Dungannon	5 miles

Barriers to Transport

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Example 1

We are currently dealing with a young person who will be leaving Sperrinview at the end of June 2014. He and his parents would prefer that he stay in Further Education, four-five days per week. He lives in Aughnacloy. Currently there are four-day FE provisions in SRC Armagh and SWC Cookstown and Omagh. There is no direct transport link from Aughnacloy to any of these centres. A risk assessment on this pupil will state that he is not able for independent travel. Rural Transport cannot be used to accommodate a regular arrangement such as this.

Example 2

We have another pupil who is due to leave school in June 2014. She is going to avail of a "mixed week", one day in SWC Dungannon and three-four days in a variety of day opportunities. Both parents work full-time. These day opportunities are not "regular working hours" eg 10am-1pm. In order for this pupil to access these day opportunities, transport arrangements have to be facilitated by parents and family friends.

Example 3

A pupil who left Sperrinview in June 2013 took up placement in "PrintIt" Dungannon, run by Appleby Trust. Both parents work. Initially the plan was that he was to use rural transport, however, PrintIt is located on the right hand side of a one way street and the bus door is on the left hand side. This means that the young person would be stepping into a main road, with oncoming traffic. The risk assessment for this stated that this could not happen. This could have been resolved by having an escort on the bus. Parents had to make alternative arrangements to facilitate this placement.