BENEFITS AND MONEY ENGLAND

Blue Badge for Children Preparation Pack

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A preparation pack for gathering information before a Blue Badge application for a child, including where needs may not be obvious.

Blue Badge schemes are administered by local authorities under national rules that can change. This pack does not decide eligibility and is not the application form. Check your council's process and current official guidance.

Who this is for

Parents and carers considering a Blue Badge for a child in England, or checking the equivalent process where they live.

What is inside

- An eligibility caution
- A needs and journeys sheet
- A documents and application checklist

Please read this first

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The council decides, using the official rules

Some people receive a Blue Badge automatically if they have certain awards or benefits; others are assessed. Hidden disability and children's applications have specific rules. Automatic routes can depend on the type of mobility award in payment, and those rules change. Check current GOV.UK and your local authority's form rather than assuming a DLA or PIP award is enough, or that it is not.

Child's name and date of birth

Local authority

Any mobility award already in payment, as I understand it

Date

Journeys and needs I will describe

Why walking, waiting, or parking further away is difficult — including safety, distress, or risk of running

What a typical journey looks like, and what goes wrong without closer parking

Aid, supervision, or another person that is needed during the walk to a venue

Evidence I can attach (award letter, professional letter, or similar)

Before I apply

- [ ] Read the current Blue Badge information on GOV.UK
- [ ] Find my local authority's application route
- [ ] Check whether any existing award might be an automatic or assessed route
- [ ] Gather a recent photograph and identity documents if the form asks for them
- [ ] Keep a copy of everything I send

Questions I still have for the council or an adviser

Useful next steps and sources

Use what helped in this pack and leave the rest. You can come back to it when you need to. Live tools on mysendfriend.co.uk remain free, including Help Me Now, the SEND Letter Builder, the Reasonable Adjustments Builder, the DLA and PIP Claim Planners, and the free resources hub. Saving work to My SEND Plan is optional.

Where to check official or independent information

Guidance and benefit rules can change. Check the current official position, and get individual advice when you need it.

- GOV.UK: Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children
- GOV.UK: Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- GOV.UK: Carer's Allowance and related carer support, if relevant
- A local welfare-rights service, Citizens Advice, or Contact
- Your local SENDIASS service, for SEND-related questions

A reminder about this free pack

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