



Encouraging young people to be involved in driving lessons as a life skill.

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Having mobility is particularly important as young people enter adulthood. Therefore being able to drive should be considered an essential life skill. The most important time to encourage this skill is as soon as a young person is eligible to access a provisional licence. People do of course begin the process of learning to drive at all ages and therefore failure to provide access to such training during the first year of eligibility is neither damaging nor inhibiting. The ability to be helped to achieve such training whilst resident at Pear Tree is a privilege and should be treated as such.

This is a practice that to my knowledge is unique to Pear Tree and has evolved to become standard practice. It is with this in mind the following guidance should be considered and only deviated from under special unforeseen circumstances.

Before driver training is encouraged all of the following **must** be achieved.

1. Provisional license obtained.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Driver Theory training accessed and assessed as having a high probability of passing required test.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Responsiveness to training and instruction.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Before driver training is accessed all of the following **must** be achieved.

1. Young person's risk assessments must indicate a reducing risk in all areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Where risks have been evident, the young person has actively worked with Pear Tree staff and other agencies to overcome difficulties and reduce risk and that this process is considered to be successful.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Young person has made positive progress in other areas of life and demonstrated that this life skill will be used positively to promote mobility for employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Young person has access to savings and income gained through their efforts to finance half of the costs for the amount of training required to achieve a full license.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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