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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

You may know that Suffolk County Council (SCC) has a Post-16 Travel Policy which may support Post-16 students to travel to and from their nearest school sixth form or their nearest college when they meet the distance criteria.

The consultation on the proposed Post-16 Travel Policy Statement for the 2022/2023 school year will run between 4 January and 15 February 2022. The proposed policy can be viewed at www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations during the consultation period where you can provide your views on the policy. It will be considered by the SCC Cabinet at its meeting on 26 April 2022 and the final policy will be published by the statutory date of 31 May 2022 on www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

The policy is for full-time learners aged 16-18 and those aged 19 and over, if they are continuing a defined learning programme with agreed outcomes, started before their 19th birthday. It also provides the policy for continuing learners with Education, Health and Care Plans aged 19-25.

Young people need to plan their journeys when thinking about their Post-16 pathways and should read the policy to understand whether they are eligible for subsidised Post-16 travel. It is important that families and young people start considering and planning their journey to the school or college or apprenticeship now. Use the SuffolkonBoard Journey Planner and route lists to help you at www.suffolkonboard.com/planner. There are also many sustainable travel options and often local bus or train services can offer cheaper/discounted ticket options for students than SCC's subsidised travel.

There is lots of useful information provided on www.suffolkonboard.com such as what transport colleges and schools are putting on for their students and information about how to apply for a free Endeavour Card. The Endeavour Card is accepted by many bus operators, gives young people at least a 25% discount on their travel and can be used at weekends, in the evening or during school holidays too.

If young people believe that they are entitled to subsidised travel, they need to apply **before the closing date of 31 May 2022**. They should apply for their travel for September 2022 between **1 April and 31 May 2022** on www.suffolkonboard.com/apply. If an alternative course is secured after 31 May 2022, please let us know as soon as possible.

You can get further advice from the customer service team on 0345 606 6067 or by emailing customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Passenger Transport Team