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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

As your child is about to leave secondary school, it is now time to start planning their next phase of learning from September. We hope you find the following information helpful.

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 for the 2023/2024 school year was carried out between 16 January and 27 February 2023. It was approved by the SCC Cabinet at its meeting on 18 April 2023 and the final policy will be published on www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel by 31 May 2023.

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 and they started before their 19th birthday. It also provides the policy for continuing learners aged 19-25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

It is important that you start considering and planning the journey to your preferred school, 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.

You will also find lots of useful information on our website www.suffolkonboard.com including what transport colleges and schools make available 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 you believe your child is entitled to subsidised travel, you need to apply at www.suffolkonboard.com/optin **before the closing date of 31 May 2023**. If an alternative course is secured after 31 May 2023, 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