

10 January 2020

For the Attention of Principal/Headteacher and Chair of Governors/Academy Trust

Dear Colleague

**Consultation on proposed Post-16 Travel Policy for 2020/2021 school year**

I am writing to confirm that the consultation on the proposed Post-16 Travel Policy statement opens on Monday 13 January 2020 and will run until 26 February 2020.

I would be grateful if you could make your parents and Year 11 and 12 students aware that the consultation is open and that we are seeking their views.

Views can be given by:

- completing the online survey at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations)
- emailing [Post-16TravelConsultation@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Post-16TravelConsultation@suffolk.gov.uk) or by
- writing to Post-16 Travel Consultation Team, Floor 3 Gold, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

**Responses must be received no later than Wednesday, 26 February 2020.**

The amendments we are proposing are designed to ensure that the policy is clearer for parents/carers to understand what travel options there are for their child. We are proposing to:

1. Make the annual increase to the charge of Post-16 travel and the cost of a spare seat as previously agreed by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet on 19 June 2018.
2. Indicate what alternative travel options are available for Post-16s.
3. Describe in greater detail the Independent Travel Training service and the expectation that students will be assessed for suitability.
4. Make a point of clarification that distance measuring beyond the Suffolk boundary will be measured by road.

We are required to publish the final policy no later than 31 May each year for families, young people and leaders within local settings. The link to the current policy statement can be found at [www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel).

Thank you in advance for your support with this request.

Yours sincerely

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