

Date: 4 November 2024
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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

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. SCC is required to consult on this policy each year.

The consultation on the proposed Post-16 Travel Policy Statement for the 2025/2026 school year is now open until Monday 16 December 2024. The proposed changes can be viewed at www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations during the consultation period where you can provide your views on the policy. This will be considered by SCC's Cabinet at its meeting on 25 February 2025 and the final policy will be published by the statutory date of 31 May 2025 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 the same course started before their 19th birthday. The policy is also for continuing adult learners with Education, Health and Care Plans aged 19-25.

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

There is a lot of useful information on www.suffolkonboard.com to help you, such as any transport that colleges and school sixth forms are putting in place for their students.

If young people believe that they are eligible for subsidised post-16 travel, they need to apply **before the closing date of 31 May 2025**. They should apply for their travel for September 2025 between **1 April and 31 May 2025** on [Suffolk on Board - School Travel / Opt-in \(apply\)](#) . If an alternative course is secured after 31 May 2025, please let us know as soon as possible.

You can get further advice from the customer service team on 0345 606 6173 or by emailing customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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