

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sheffield City Council is refreshing our Post-16 Travel & Transport policy, and would like to gain the views of people who might be affected by any changes – this includes young people, their parent/carers, schools, colleges, the voluntary, community and faith sector, and neighbouring local authorities.

Please note that this is for **students who will be Y12 or above** in September 2019. We will shortly also be asking for views on a refreshed Home to School Travel & Transport policy for school aged children and young people (5-16).

The draft Post-16 policy for academic year 2019-20 has minimal changes from the 2018-19 policy, summarised below:

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| Proposed change | How this might affect service users |
| Clarification that where a review for travel training is an outcome from the Travel Panel, in the event that parent/carers refuse to allow the review to be undertaken, they will become responsible for home to school/college travel.Please note that this is a review of individual suitability for training, and brings the Post 16 travel policy in line with the existing Home to School policy | Greater participation in developing independent travel as a key life skill.This does not affect the right to appeal if parent/carers disagree with the decision of the Travel Panel, however a refusal to allow a review of suitability for travel training would leave parents responsible for home to school/college travel until the appeal is considered. |

Parent/carers and schools are positively encouraged to discuss these issues with young people who might be affected, where it is felt to be appropriate.

If you would like to highlight any issues or concerns in relation to this policy, please contact us no later than **24 May 2019**. If you would like a copy of the draft policy in full, please contact us by email indetravel@sheffield.gov.uk or by telephone 0114 2053542.

**Parents of current Y11 students** using SEND Transport - please note that if your child uses the council’s transport service to access Post-16 provision from September 2019, a contribution towards the overall cost will be required. For academic year 2018-19 this will be £10.38/week (over 52 weeks - equivalent to £540/year).

Payment options will include £54/month (10 months), £180/term or an annual payment of £540. Monthly direct debits will also be available. You may be eligible for financial support, and further information will be provided.

If you would like any further information, please contact us via the email address or telephone number above.

Yours faithfully

 

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