



An 11-16 Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

In December 2017 Suffolk County Council launched a consultation on proposals to change school and post-16 travel policies. The consultation will run until Wednesday 28 February 2018.

The council say that their current school and post-16 travel policies go above what they are legally required to provide and the consultation centres on bringing Suffolk in line with legal requirements. The consultation seeks views on options to change the school and post-16 travel policies, and includes three alternative options;

Option 1: In September 2019, change the school travel policy so that it is in line with the legal requirements. This would mean implementing all the changes in one go, including ceasing free travel to the transport priority area schools where it is not the pupils' nearest.

Option 2: From September 2019, introduce the changes year by year as a child joins or moves school so that it is in line with legal requirements. This means that we would introduce all the changes on a phased basis.

Option 3: Make no changes to the school travel policy but make savings from other services provided by Suffolk County Council. Suffolk County Council are also asking for feedback on several other matters, including using Rights of Way in terms of distance measurement for school transport assessment and eligibility.

Under Option 1, pupils regardless of their year group would, depending on their address, lose transport to Stradbroke High School from September 2019. For them to remain a pupil, parents would become responsible for transporting them. In Option 2 the same applies but would be phased in over time, i.e. all current pupils would maintain their transport until leaving school. Both these options could impact on a number of our families. In both Option 1 & 2 your nearest school, depending on your address, may be in Norfolk.

For those of you with pupils in current year 10 and 11 you should also consider completing the post 16 consultation, as significant changes are also proposed which may impact on sixth form and college applications.

More information on the consultation including these options and post-16 proposals can be found in the consultation document, this can be viewed on Suffolk County Council's website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

The attached map, provided by Suffolk County Council for this consultation shows nearest schools for current pupils.

The consultation questionnaire can be completed online at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

As a school we have already taken the opportunity to share our views and would strongly recommend that parents also do so by **28th February 2018**.

Yours sincerely

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