



28 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Important update regarding Post-16 transport**

Further to the letter I sent to you on 22 March, and the meetings which took place in school yesterday with representatives of the Transport team from the local authority, I would like to update you and encourage you to participate in the consultation. Previously, we have communicated this to our older students including those looking at applying for Sixth Form this year and those already in the Sixth Form. However, this will have an impact on anyone looking to attend our Sixth Form, or others, when they complete their GCSE's.

Post-16 transport is not free and those requiring a bus pass currently pay a contribution of £600. The significant rise proposed, a 66% increase from £600 to £1000, will be extremely challenging for many families and this will impact anyone who intends to use the bus service to get to school while they are in the Sixth Form. Therefore, it is important that as many families as possible contribute to the consultation process. A link to the consultation can be found at the end of this letter.

I do not believe it will be possible to completely block the proposed changes. However, the transport representative who spoke to parents last night was clear that if there was strong feeling with alternative proposals put forward, these would be considered.

**We are encouraging parents to suggest a counter proposal that any increase in the costs is staggered over 3 years so that the impact on families is reduced.**

An increase from £600 to £1000 is also likely to result in more families transporting their children to the school themselves. This will make our already challenging traffic situation worse, and lead to an increase in the risks for those making that journey. This also has an environmental impact with the potential for more car journeys. We believe it is important to point this out in the consultation.

The deadline for the consultation process is midnight on Monday 1 April, which is during the Easter break. I encourage you to contribute to the consultation.

[Have your say on Post 16 School Travel](#)



Yours faithfully

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