

Dear Parent/Carer,

Suffolk CC School Transport Consultation

Firstly, thank you to those parents who attended Tuesday's meeting to discuss Suffolk County Council proposals for a new school transport policy.

The Council is proposing to only offer free transport to a child's nearest school. This would be implemented from September 2019 and could potentially result in around 240 children losing their entitlement for free transport to EBHS. You can find out if EBHS is your nearest school, and details of the consultation including a response form, at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/school-and-post-16-travel-consultation/>

Estimates of the amount of money the Council would save range from £200,000 to £3M. However, the exact saving achieved will depend largely on the choices parents make about school transport if the changes are implemented. The outcome of the, no doubt, countless requests to assess whether walking/cycling routes to school are safe for students to use will also play a significant part.

In order for me to provide a detailed response to the consultation, I would be interested to find out what parents would do if their child's entitlement to free transport to EBHS is removed. I would like to provide the Council with evidence of the possible impact that the changes could have on the School and our students, on parents, the roads and the environment.

To achieve this, I would be very grateful if you could answer a few questions in a very short survey. It should take no longer than 2 minutes. Please follow this link to complete the survey:

[Home to School Transport Survey](#)

The deadline for completion of this survey is **9.00 am Monday 26 February**.

Finally if you have not already done so, please respond to the consultation, which closes on 28 February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Colin Turner
Headteacher