TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS AGED 16 – 19 IN FURTHER EDUCATION

2021/22

WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Students requiring support with post 16 transport are required to pay the following charge:
- where the student lives less than three miles from the school £413 per year, or £41.30 per month by direct debit (10 months, August to May)
- where the student lives more than three miles from the school £826 per year, or £82.60 per month by direct debit (10 months, August to May)
- Students or families in receipt of a qualifying benefit will qualify for a reduced charge:
- where the student lives less than three miles from the school £206.50 per year, or £20.65 per month by direct debit (10 months, August to May)
- where the student lives more than three miles from the school £413 per year, or £41.30 per month by direct debit (10 months, August to May)
- The travel support received by a student will be a bus pass or a travel allowance of £110 per annum (£220 for low income families) where there is no transport available within 2 miles of the home address.
- Bus Passes are only valid for one journey in the morning and one journey in the afternoon at the time shown on the timetable and to the establishment indicated on the pass.
- Assistance is available for students who are aged under 19 years on 31st August and where a suitable bus service runs.
- Applications for assistance from students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties will be considered sympathetically and according to section 11 of the Home to School Transport Policy.
- Students should apply for transport after the opening date in June and prior to the closing date in July. Students will receive full reimbursement of payments made should their plans change prior to starting their course as long as the pass is returned before the course starts. Students applying after 31st July are unlikely to receive a pass before the start of term and significantly reduce their chances of obtaining a seat on the bus.

- If a student wishes to attend a Further Education institution outside Warwickshire they should call the Transport Operations team to discuss what bus services are available.
- If a pass is lost or stolen a fee of £10 is charged for a replacement.
- 16-19 bursaries are available from some further education colleges, you should contact your chosen college directly to discuss eligibility/application.
- If you have a complaint about the level of assistance offered by Warwickshire County Council, please find the complaints procedure here <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/complaints</u>
- If you are not sure how to get to your chosen school/college please visit https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolbustimetables or call Transport Operations to discuss available options. On occasion, you may need to approach an Operator (such as Stagecoach) directly to purchase a pass.
- Warwickshire College offer some of their own bus services, please contact them directly or visit <u>https://wcg.ac.uk/page/55/transport</u>
- Students who have queries regarding post 16 transport should contact the following:

Transport Operations, PO Box 43, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SX E-mail: to@warwickshire.gov.uk Telephone: 01926 412929 (Opt 2)