Post-16 Home to School Transport Consultation

In addition to the home to school transport we are legally required to provide, South Gloucestershire Council currently offers discretionary transport support to families of young people who are over the statutory school age who have additional needs, for example young people with an EHCP or learning difficulty/disability. Over recent years, demand for this support has significantly increased, but funding has not kept pace.

Following a comprehensive review of the support that we are currently providing as well as what is offered in other local authority areas, we have identified a preferred option to switch the focus of our assistance, so more families are supported through the Council's expenses-based model.

Please review the supporting information on our website at https://schooltransport.commonplace.is/ before providing feedback

Q1 Firstly, please let us know in what capacity you are completing this survey (tick as many as apply)

- [ ] A child or young person with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)
- [ ] A parent or carer of children/young people with SEND (already in post-16 education)
- [ ] A parent or carer of children/young people with SEND (currently in year 11 or below)
- [ ] A representative of the South Glos Parent Carers Forum
- [ ] A teacher or other education/training professional working with young people with SEND
- [ ] A local resident

Other (please specify)

Q2 Please let us know to what extent you support each of the options presented:

	Strongly support	Generally support	Neutral	Generally opposed	Strongly opposed
Removing all post-16 home to school travel support which we are not legally required to offer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Switch the focus so more families are supported through the Council's expenses-based model	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Make no changes, savings would have to be found elsewhere	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

We are especially keen to understand about any impacts of the proposed change. This proposal would be implemented for young people eligible for entering post 16 education or training from the intake starting in September 2025.

Q3 What would be the impact for you and your child/family if the Council switched focus so more families are supported through the Council's expenses-based model?

About You

This section is really important. It's vital that we understand the experiences of a wide range of respondents in order to ensure that everyone is treated equally. By understanding more about what people from diverse backgrounds tell us, we can ensure we act appropriately to meet needs. All questions are optional and any responses to these questions will remain confidential. Individuals will not be identified and personal details will not be published.

Q4 What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 19 to 29
- ☐ 30 to 39
- ☐ 40 to 49
- ☐ 50 to 59
- ☐ 60 to 69
- ☐ 70 to 79
- ☐ 80 or over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q5 Are you?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q6 Do you consider yourself to be disabled? (**Please tick all that apply**)

- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Yes - Physical impairment
- [ ] Yes - Sensory impairment
- [ ] Yes - Mental health condition
- [ ] Yes - Learning disability/difficulty
- [ ] Yes - Long standing illness or health condition
- [ ] Yes - Other

Q7 What is your ethnic group?

- [ ] White
- [ ] Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- [ ] Asian or Asian British
- [ ] Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- [ ] Other ethnic group
- [ ] Prefer not to say

Please return your completed questionnaire to South Gloucestershire Council, Insight and Engagement Team, Home to school transport, PO Box 1953, Bristol, BS37 0DE

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