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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Important Changes to Mainstream Post-16 Home to School/College Transport

I am writing to inform you of important changes in respect of the Council's post-16 home to school/college transport funding, which will affect some Year 11 students who are planning to continue their full-time education at the end of this school year.

After much consideration, Councillors have had to take the very difficult decision to limit the financial support the Council is able to make available to students who are commencing a new course of study of post-16 with effect from 1 September 2016. This decision has not been taken lightly and reflects the continued significant financial pressure placed on the Council's budgets.

This means that we will only be able to support students living in low income households and those with statements of special education needs and disabilities (SEND) or Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) who meet the Council's qualifying criteria.

Where possible, the Council will also offer parents the opportunity to purchase spare seats on its contract vehicles.

In reaching their decision, Councillors took account of the availability of the 16-19 Bursary Fund set up by the government specifically to help young people who are in need of additional support with the costs associated with their continuing education or training. Your son/daughter will be able to find out more about this fund, including eligibility criteria and the application process, from their chosen post-16 centre.

Information on the Council's low-income qualifying criteria and support for those post-16 students with statements of SEND or EHC Plans and the application process is available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/post16edtransport.

If you have any queries or would like any further information about available sources of support, please email post16.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel Belchamber'.

Hazel Belchamber (Mrs)
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