

Consultation: Home to School Travel Support for Young People in Post-16 Education

We are proposing to make some changes to travel support for post-16 students. We would like to hear your views on these proposals.

What we are proposing to change

Currently, Sheffield City Council provides a discretionary free bus pass for some post-16 students based on their household income and distance they live from their place of study.

The free bus pass is discretionary. This means that we do not have to provide it and many local authorities don't because there is a 16-19 Bursary Fund intended for this purpose.

Unfortunately, in the light of successive budget cuts, the Council are having to review all discretionary services we provide.

Under the proposal, we would no longer provide a free bus pass. Instead we would expect young people to use the 16-19 Bursary to meet their travel costs. More information about this bursary can be found on our website.

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Q1

Do you have a son or daughter in post-16 education at school or college?

105 (77.8%) Yes

30 (22.2%) No

Q2 **What year is your child / children currently in?**

95 (70.4%) Year 11 (age 15 / 16)

27 (20.0%) Year 12 (age 16 / 17)

20 (14.8%) Year 13 (age 17 / 18)

3 (2.2%) Year 14 (age 18 / 19)

0 (0.0%) None of the above

This questionnaire has been designed for families who have a child in post-16 education or those who will be in post-16 next year (current Year 11). If this does not apply to you, you will find that many of the questions are not relevant, however please give your views on the proposal by emailing: ed-adviceandconciliation@sheffield.gov.uk

Q3

Does your son or daughter currently receive a discretionary free bus pass to get to school or college?

43 (87.8%) Yes

6 (12.2%) No

Q4 **Does your son or daughter currently receive a 16-19 Bursary?**

28 (62.2%) Yes

17 (37.8%) No

Q5 **Would the proposal to remove the discretionary free bus pass for post-16 students affect your family?**

83 (61.5%) Yes, it would affect my family now

59 (43.7%) Yes, it would affect my family in the future

15 (11.1%) No, it wouldn't affect my family

Q6 **Please give details. (Include further information about other children in your family who may be directly affected by any proposed changes.)**

87 (100.0%)

The proposal is to stop providing a free bus pass and expect young people to use the 16-19 Bursary to meet their travel costs.

Q7

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the proposal?

7 (5.3%) Very satisfied

9 (6.8%) Fairly satisfied

10 (7.5%) Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

18 (13.5%) Fairly dissatisfied

89 (66.9%) Very dissatisfied

Q8 **Please explain why you answered this way.**

110 (100.0%)

The 16-19 Bursary Fund

The 16-19 Bursary is available for students in post-16 education who need financial help to access their course. The fund is applied for through school or college and is intended for course-related costs such as travel, books, equipment and lunches on days of study / training.:

More detailed information about the 16-19 Bursary can be found on our website.

We know that some students already receive the bursary **and** get a free bus pass. We would expect these students to use some of their bursary for travel costs.

We also know that some students who qualify for the bursary have not applied for it.

We are interested to find out how many people are aware of the bursary and have applied for it.

Q9 **Before filling in this questionnaire, had you heard of the 16-19 Bursary Fund?**

55 (42.3%) Yes

75 (57.7%) No

Q10 **Has your family applied for the 16-19 Bursary?**

30 (56.6%) Yes

23 (43.4%) No

Q11 **Why haven't you applied for the 16-19 Bursary?**

11 (52.4%) We do not have a child currently in post-16 education

4 (19.0%) Our household income is too high

3 (14.3%) I don't know how to apply for it

3 (14.3%) Other reason

Q12 **Please tell us why you have not applied for the 16-19 Bursary.**

3 (100.0%)

Equalities

The questionnaire is anonymous but the following information will help us to understand more about how different people could be affected by the proposed change.

Q13 Is your family receiving any of the following benefits? Please tick all that apply.

- 24 (26.4%) Income Support
- 14 (15.4%) Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- 21 (23.1%) Employment Support Allowance (ESA)
- 2 (2.2%) Incapacity Benefit
- 12 (13.2%) Carer's Allowance
- 40 (44.0%) Housing Benefit
- 33 (36.3%) Council Tax Benefit
- 26 (28.6%) Working Tax Credit
- 3 (3.3%) Not sure

Q14 Which of these best describes your ethnic or cultural background?

- 68 (53.5%) White
- 5 (3.9%) Mixed / Dual Heritage
- 27 (21.3%) Asian or Asian British
- 13 (10.2%) Black / African / Caribbean or Black British
- 14 (11.0%) Other ethnic group

Q15 Are you...

- 59 (89.4%) English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish
- 0 (0.0%) Irish
- 0 (0.0%) Gypsy / Irish Traveller
- 0 (0.0%) Roma
- 5 (7.6%) Other European
- 2 (3.0%) Other White Background

Q16 Are you...

- 3 (60.0%) White and Black Caribbean
- 0 (0.0%) White and Black African
- 0 (0.0%) White and Asian
- 2 (40.0%) Other Mixed Background

Q17 Are you...

- 1 (3.7%) Indian
- 6 (22.2%) Bangladeshi
- 15 (55.6%) Pakistani
- 0 (0.0%) Chinese
- 5 (18.5%) Other Asian Background

Q18 Are you...

- 2 (15.4%) Caribbean
- 6 (46.2%) Somali
- 4 (30.8%) Other Black African
- 1 (7.7%) Other Black Background

Q19 Are you...

- 10 (71.4%) Yemeni
- 3 (21.4%) Other Arab
- 1 (7.1%) Other Ethnic Group

Thank you for giving your views.

Please make sure that you click on the Submit button at the bottom of this screen to send your completed questionnaire.

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