

# Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2022/23

# Consultation questions

Name of LA: Buckinghamshire Council

Department responsible: Transport Services

## The consultation is open 18 October 2021 to 29 November 2021.

## We want to hear from you

Before you complete the questionnaire please read the enclosed consultation document and the draft Post-16 Transport Policy Statement.

We would like to hear your views on our proposals and invite you to complete this short questionnaire.

Please be assured that the information you provide here will be used only for the purposes of this consultation, will be kept confidential and will be stored securely in line with data protection laws.

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on <a href="mailto:dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk">dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</a>. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Step 1 – Tell us about you Q 1) Are you a parent/carer of a young person aged 15 or older who is in education (by education we mean attending school, college, or other further learning)?
☐ Yes ☐ No (go on to question2)
a) Please tell us your full postcode
b) Please select the age group(s) that apply to your child(ren)
<ul> <li>School year 11 (age 15-16)</li> <li>School years 12-13 (age 16-18)</li> <li>School year 14 (age 19)</li> <li>Age 20-25</li> </ul>
c) Do any of the young people in your care aged 15 or older receive Council organised transport?
<ul> <li>Yes they all do</li> <li>Some do and some don't</li> <li>No, none of them do</li> </ul>
d) Do any of the young people in your care have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please give their age(s) in the box below

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Q 2) Are you a student aged 15-19 (or up to 25 if you have special educational needs and disabilities)?
☐ Yes ☐ No (please move onto question 3)
I'm not sure
a) Are you attending an education setting in Buckinghamshire?
Yes (Please select from the following)
☐ Special School ☐ Mainstream school
Grammar school
College
Buckinghamshire Independent education provider
Other (please say which one)
□ No (Please select from the following)
<ul><li>No (Please select from the following)</li><li>☐ Special School outside of Buckinghamshire</li></ul>
Mainstream school outside of Buckinghamshire
Grammar school outside of Buckinghamshire
College outside of Buckinghamshire
<ul><li>Independent education provider outside of Buckinghamshire</li><li>Other outside of Buckinghamshire (please say which one)</li></ul>
Other outside of backing name (please say which one)
b) What is your full postcode? If you're not sure or don't want to tell us, you can leave the box blank.
c) Please select the age group you are in
School year 11 (age 15-16)
School years 12-13 (age 16-18)
School year 14 (age 19)
☐ Age 20-25
d) Do you have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, with an Educational Health and Care Plan?
d) Do you have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, with an Educational Health and Care Plan?  Yes
□ No
l'm not sure
e) Do you use Council arranged transport?
Yes
☐ I'm not sure
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Q 3) If you are not a parent/carer or student, please select from the following categories:
Transport professional (select from the following)
Taxi Operator
Minibus Operator
Bus Operator
Other – please tell us more
other please tell as more
Educational Professional in Buckinghamshire (select from the following)
Special School Head/ teacher or other representative
Mainstream school Head/ teacher or other representative
Grammar school Head/ teacher or other representative
College Head/ teacher or other representative
Buckinghamshire Independent education provider
Other – please tell us more
Educational Professional outside of Buckinghamshire (select from the following)
Special School Head/ teacher or other representative
Mainstream school Head/ teacher or other representative
Grammar school Head/ teacher or other representative
College Head/ teacher or other representative
Buckinghamshire Independent education provider
Other – please tell us more
Representative from another type of organisation (select from the following)
Community Group in Buckinghamshire
Voluntary organisation with an interest in disability issues in Buckinghamshire
Buckinghamshire Council
Other local authority
Other – please tell us more
None of the above (please tell us what other category you represent)

#### Step 2 - Your views on the proposed changes

The next set of questions relate to the proposed Post-16 Transport Policy Statement.

We are proposing to update the wording of the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement to make it clearer to parents by providing clarification and more detail to some parts of the Policy Statement.

We are also proposing a small increase in the annual fees and charges in line with inflation. We currently spend a significant amount on Post-16 SEND transport and these costs are rising every year. The annual fee for Council organised transport is a small contribution towards these costs. We are therefore proposing a 3% inflationary increase, based on Retail Price Index (RPI) as at September 2021, to the annual fee for Post-16 SEND Council organised transport from September 2022. This will increase the annual fee from £900 to £927 (£600 to £618 for the reduced fee) for the 2022-23 academic year.

Proposed changes are **highlighted in yellow** in the Draft Post-16 Transport Policy Statement document at <a href="https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/integrated-transport/post16/">https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/integrated-transport/post16/</a>

Q 4) Do you have any comments about the changes included in the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement?
<ul><li>No, I do not have any comments about these changes</li><li>Yes, I have comments.</li></ul>
If you answered yes, please tell us more.
Q 5) Do you have any other feedback that you would like to share with us about the Council's Post-16 Transport Policy Statement?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Updates on the consultation and subsequent decisions will be posted on our consultation website after the consultation closes on **29 November 2021.**The next steps following the consultation closure are also on our consultation website at <a href="https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/integrated-transport/post16/">https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/integrated-transport/post16/</a>

#### To return your survey, post your paper survey to:

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