

Draft Home to School/College Transport Policy

Young people's version

Consultation dates: 15th June to 27th July 2020



Introduction

Powys County Council has to transport some learners to their nearest suitable school for free. We have a Home to School/College Transport Policy which explains who can have free transport.

We have updated our Home to School/College Transport Policy, and want to know what people think about the new draft policy.

This is a young people's version of the policy. If you would like to see the full policy, it is available on our website at:

www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Why is change needed?

The Council's current Home to School/College Transport Policy was introduced in 2018.

Since then, we have realised that some changes are needed to make sure that the policy is clear and fair.

On the next page, you can see a summary of the changes that have been made in the new policy.



What changes are we suggesting?

The new draft policy includes the following changes:



We have to make sure that pupils can go to Welsh speaking schools if they want to learn in Welsh. We will do this by providing free transport for pupils to their nearest Welsh speaking school. If a pupil's nearest school is a Welsh speaking school, transport would only be provided to this school.



At the moment, we pay for transport for some learners over the age of 16 who choose to study outside of Powys. In the new policy, we are suggesting that we do not pay for transport for learners over the age of 16 who choose to study outside of Powys.



At the moment, if a learner moves house, we provide free transport so that they can carry on going to the school they went to before they moved house. We are suggesting that we stop this.



If someone doesn't agree with a decision not to provide free transport, they can ask the Council to review the decision. At the moment, the decision would be reviewed by a county councillor. We are suggesting that this changes, and that the decisions are reviewed by Council staff in future.

How can you tell us what you think?

We really want to know what you think about the new draft policy.

What you and others tell us will help us agree our new Home to School/College Transport Policy.

You can let us know what you think using the methods opposite.

If you would like a paper copy, please e-mail us at school.organisation@powys.gov.uk

You must respond by:

27th July 2020



Online

You can respond to the survey online at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay



QR Code

You can respond to the survey online by scanning the QR code below:



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