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Dear Head Teacher,

Post 16 Transport – Devolved Funding

You will be aware that last year, Cheshire East's Cabinet decided to amend the Home to School / College Transport Policy and to withdraw transport support for post 16 students from September 2012.

Although the Council ceased to be responsible for the provision of travel assistance, for the 2012/13 academic year, a reduced grant was devolved to School Sixth Forms and Further Education Colleges specifically to support the transport needs of Cheshire East students and this grant was to be reviewed on an annual basis.

On 28 May 2013, Cabinet adopted a revised School Transport Policy and I am writing to inform you that the new Policy does not make provision for a post 16 transport grant. This ultimately means that, regrettably, the Council can no longer assist you in supporting the transport needs of post 16 students at your school / college.

The revised School Transport Policy is effective from May 2013 and I would ask that the above information is sent on to both existing and prospective students so that they are fully aware of the position regarding transport support.

At this point, may I take the opportunity to remind you that the provision of transport for post 16 students with special educational needs remains unaffected by this change.

For your information, a copy of the adopted Policy can be found on the Council's website, which has also been updated to reflect the agreed changes. Should students wish to enquire about local public transport options, the Traveline will be able to assist and can be contacted on 0871 200 22 33 (local call charge applies).

Yours sincerely,



Chris Williams, Transport Manager