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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to advise you of important changes to Post-16 transport. From September, KCC will no longer provide transport for your child if they are in **Years 12, 13 or 14**.

Schools are not responsible for arranging or, managing transport, but we will sign-post parents and carers to support where we can.

I have summarised the changes below, but the KCC Post-16 Transport Policy has further information.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/education-policies/post-16-transport-policies>

### **Summary of Changes:**

#### **Students who are able to use public transport:**

Parents/Carers should apply for a **KCC 16+ Travel Saver Card** annually. The cost is £630 per year and it entitles students to half price travel. There is financial support for low income families through 16-19 Bursary Fund.

[KCC 16+ Travel Saver - Kent County Council](#)

#### **Students who are unable to use public transport due to their needs:**

Parents/Carers should apply for a **Personal Transport Budget (PTB)** annually. This fund ranges from £1370 - £4370 – depending on the distance between home and school. Parents/Carers can use the PTB to make their own arrangements to get their child to school.

This funding may be withdrawn if attendance falls below 90%.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/school-transport-for-children-with-special-educational-needs/personal-transport-budgets>

#### **Post-16 Transport Assistance**

In exceptional circumstances (related to the child's disability), where neither the KCC 16+Travel Saver, nor the PTB enable parents/carers to get their child to school, they can request **Post-16 Transport Assistance** from KCC. There will be a cost to parents/carers.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/school-transport-for-children-with-special-educational-needs/post-16-transport-options-for-send-young-people/apply-for-post-16-transport-assistance>



Parents/Carers need to leave plenty of time to apply for transport. I would suggest beginning the process as soon as possible and at least by the end of term 5 (May/June).

Kind regards,

Sarah Thorp  
Deputy Headteacher

