

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING SCHOOL TRANSPORT CHANGES SEPTEMBER 2019

Parents and carers should be aware that there are changes to school transport that will affect students, living in Suffolk, in Years 8-11 (current Years 7-10) from September 2019. These changes have been decided by Suffolk County Council.

Details of these can be found at Suffolk on board under the '[School Travel Bus Pass](#)' section. The most significant and immediate change is that parents or carers whose child receives a funded or paid for bus pass will need to 'opt in' in order to receive this for use from September. The www.suffolkonboard.com website has more information about this, including the time frame for 'opting in'.

**Please note the deadline for this is May 31st 2019
This 'opt in' will need to be made each year in the future.**

Children who are receiving funded school travel in July 2019, continue to attend the same school from September 2019 and live at the same address will continue to receive funded school travel until they leave the school, or move house.

It may be possible to purchase a pass for a closed contract bus (a bus that is not used by the public) at a cost of £750 for the first year of the new scheme. Details of this arrangement can be found on www.suffolkonboard.com. Public buses will not be affected by these changes as parents or carers pay for these directly through the purchase of a weekly ticket. There are other changes that will affect school transport in the future. Details of these can be found on the '[Guide to school travel](#)' section of the website.

Please see www.suffolkonboard.com for answers to any questions you may have about these changes. The School is unable to deal with bus pass enquiries, as these are provided through Suffolk County Council Transport. Suffolk on Board can be contacted on 0345 606 6067 or customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk