

Transport Policy Statement for students in further education aged 16-18 in further education, continuing students aged 19 and over and Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities Academic Year 2019-20

**Name of Local Authority (LA): Devon County Council
Department Responsible: People**

Further information regarding Post-16 Transport is available in the document [“Post-16 transport and travel support to education and training: Statutory guidance for local authorities”](#)

1. Summary of Policy Statement¹ and Main Objectives

It is a statutory responsibility of Local Authorities in England to provide home to school transport assistance to eligible children of statutory age for full-time education² to meet the need for them to travel to and from their education setting. This responsibility to meet need ceases for students of sixth form age and it is up to the local authority to decide what arrangements it considers necessary.

Devon considers that the most effective way of meeting need where this has been established by a parent or student is by extending its transport network to include Post-16 establishments and to offer transport to eligible students in return for a contribution towards the cost of this transport. The aim is to provide college transport assistance to those students who need it the most, using a sustainable public transport system where possible. Doing so will support students to remain in full-time education and help to develop independence and skills for life.

Devon does not provide a universal Post-16 assisted travel scheme. It expects that parents³ will consider how students are going to get to and from college⁴ prior to applying and accepting a place. Where there is public transport serving a college, it expects that parents will make their own arrangements to pay for a bus or rail ticket and, where necessary, they will approach the college for assistance through their bursary scheme. Only where a parent can evidence⁵ that he or she is unable to make other arrangements to get the student to and from college and that the absence of LA travel assistance is an unsurmountable barrier to education will Devon provide travel assistance.

There is no automatic entitlement to free home to school or college transport once a student is over 16. However, the LA has agreed to assist with travel expenses in certain circumstances. The following is a summary of eligibility:

Eligibility criteria

In order to qualify for assistance under the LA Post-16 assistance scheme, a student must satisfy the following criteria:

- must be resident in Devon,⁶ attending a full-time course of education,⁷ either as a new starter or as a returning student.

¹ The Post-16 travel statement is published annually by 31 May.

² The Raising of the Participation Age has not changed the school leaving age or created a new entitlement to Post-16 travel assistance. Post-16 students are not required to stay at college but can work, volunteer or take part in an apprenticeship whilst continuing education. The school leaving age is the last Friday in the June of the academic year during which a young person reaches 16 years of age.

³ In this document, any reference to parents should be taken also to mean the student unless otherwise specified. In most instances, travel arrangements will be made by the parent but Post-16 students could make arrangements themselves. The term parent also includes carers.

⁴ In this document, any reference to college should be taken to include sixth form school or college and Further Education colleges. This means any education setting for Post-16 students.

⁵ In this document, where a parent is required to provide evidence, this should be taken to mean that the parent must provide satisfactory evidence to the LA to support any request for assistance.

⁶ Students resident in the Unitary Authorities of Plymouth and Torbay are not eligible for support from Devon and must apply directly to their home authorities, as must students who are resident in Somerset, Cornwall, Dorset and other LA areas.

⁷ Defined as 450 guided learning hours per year (12.5 hours per week for 36 weeks)

- The student must be under 19 years of age on 31 August immediately before the start of the academic year (see exception for students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities).
- Students must attend the nearest appropriate establishment to the home address (see below).
- The journey from home to college must be 3 miles or more, measured by the shortest available pedestrian route (see exception for students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities)

and provide satisfactory evidence to the LA:

- that they have applied to their college for financial assistance, with details of the level of support offered; and
- of the cost to them if they were to make the necessary travel arrangements;⁸ and
- of a medical condition or other circumstance that would prevent the parent making the necessary travel arrangements, and

of their financial circumstances e.g. proof of receipt of means tested benefit.

Students who are ineligible under these criteria may apply for concessionary places on contract coaches, where public services do not exist.

Nearest establishments

Where a student does not attend the nearest establishment because of their chosen course, they will be required to provide evidence that the course is essential for entry to Higher Education.⁹ It must be evidenced that a similar alternative course is not available closer to home.

Charges

Where the LA is satisfied there is a need for travel assistance to be provided, that assistance will be chargeable in all cases.¹⁰ This will be a contribution towards the costs incurred by the LA. For students from a low-income household, the parent will be expected to have sought financial support from the college bursary scheme to pay towards that contribution.¹¹

The level of contribution is set by the County Council and reviewed annually. For 2019-20 it stands at £600 (£560 if paid in full in advance).

FE Colleges and Sixth Forms may use their Bursary Funds to contribute towards the cost of transport for students

Other important points

- Assistance with travelling expenses is available for one inward journey to school or college and one outward journey from school or college at the beginning and end of the official day.
- Students must agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Behaviour on vehicles and must sign the Code before a ticket will be issued.
- Transport is only provided from and to the nearest pick up point for public or contract transport.
- The LA will determine the most appropriate travel arrangements. There will be a presumption in favour of shared travel arrangements. It will not be the LA's responsibility to get a student to a pick-up point.
- Where the journey time is lengthy or requires changes of vehicle as a result of the course chosen by the student, whilst assistance may still be offered, the parent will be responsible for managing that journey.
- Students who move outside the area served by the LA part way through their course must apply to their new LA for assistance.
- Transport is not provided for induction or taster days or work experience.
- Transport is not provided for weekly or termly travel where a student lives away from home in order to study at an establishment beyond daily travelling distance.

⁸ This should be the most cost-effective arrangements possible.

⁹ Confirmation of current entry requirements or a letter from the Higher Education setting stating that the course is essential for entry to the Higher Education course. 'A' levels are adequate for entry to university and therefore the wish to study the International Baccalaureate rather than 'A' levels is considered an expression of preference.

¹⁰ The LA will not require a contribution towards the costs of providing Independent Travel Training.

¹¹ A contribution to the cost of transport support is required in all cases, including where the young person has an Education, Health and Care Plan.

- The type of assistance that may be provided will be the most cost-effective for the LA and will be open to review:¹²
 - provision of a Spare Seat on a LA contract vehicle;¹³ or
 - a financial allowance to assist with travel costs to and from college or to and from an appropriate pick-up/drop-off point for a public service or LA contract vehicle; or
 - Independent Travel Training.
- Exceptions may be made for students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities.

Post-16 students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities

The transport requirements of Post-16 students with special educational needs will be considered during the transitional planning process undertaken during Years 10 and 11.

All students who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)¹⁴ will have a Learning Difficulty Assessment (section 139a) in Year 11 and, if staying on at school, this will be updated in their final year. Included in the Learning Difficulty Assessment is a section relating to transport.

The LA would expect to be consulted in the transitional planning process with regard to transport provision and parents are strongly advised to contact the LA to confirm that this has taken place.

The following main points apply:

- Where students have been placed at special schools or units by the LA, transport assistance will be provided in the same way as for pupils of statutory school age.
- The eligibility criteria, as detailed above, will apply.
- In cases where the student cannot walk to college, accompanied as necessary, because of his or her disability, transport will not be provided automatically.
- Parents or students will need to submit an application form every year.
- An exception to the upper age limit may be made where a student has been studying a specific course for those with learning difficulties and is required to attend beyond 19 in order to complete the course. Support would then continue only until the end of the academic year during which the student reaches their twenty-first birthday, provided that they remain on the same course at the same college.
- A further exception is made for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities aged 19-24 attending an establishment funded directly by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) e.g. Independent Specialist Providers for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, where a student is placed on a residential basis
- Payment of the required contribution applies equally to students with special educational needs.

Complaints and Appeals

Where students or their parents are unhappy with the decision about eligibility for assisted Post-16 transport they should, in the first instance, contact the LA Transport Team on 0345 155 1019 and explain the problem fully. The decision will be reviewed by a School Transport Officer and, if things can be resolved, this will be done as soon as possible. If not, an explanation will be provided. If the parent remains unhappy they can lodge a complaint on the Devon County Council website at www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport or fill in a Transport Complaint Form (APP2) available from the School Transport Team. Supporting evidence will be required for example:

- A letter from a doctor to support a medical condition
- Benefit evidence to support financial circumstances

All information provided is treated in the strictest confidence. The complaint will be reviewed by a panel of officers and a letter will be sent to explain the panel's decision. Students and their families who remain unhappy can lodge an appeal to the Transport Appeals Committee, made up of Elected Members of the County Council. More information about appeal arrangements can be obtained from the Clerk to the Transport Appeals Committee on 0345 155 1019.

¹² While it may be agreed to provide a financial allowance to a parent, should other students require support in the same area, it may become more cost-effective for the LA to offer Spare Seats on a vehicle.

¹³ The LA will not assist with travel on public service vehicles as parents will be able to make their own arrangements, supported financially by college bursary schemes where appropriate.

¹⁴ Or a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN).

2. Please provide details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for students aged 16-19 and who provides them. Please provide details of any costs to the student.

Students who are not eligible for assistance may apply for concessionary places on contracted transport in the same way as students of compulsory school age. The charges are the same as for entitled students and are only available if there is space on the vehicle.

In addition individual FE institutions may provide assistance:

Exeter College

Exeter College run a subsidised travel scheme under which a Travel Pass is issued for public transport. This is available for full-time students who will be aged over 16 and under 19 on 1 September 2019. To be eligible, the student must live further than 3 miles from Exeter College. It is the responsibility of students and their families to get to the public transport.

Students who are offered a conditional place at Exeter College and who meet the criteria above will be sent information on the scheme by the College in June 2019. Students who are interested in the scheme, meet the criteria but have not received this information are advised to contact the College on 01392 400319 or at travelscheme@exe-coll.ac.uk

Petroc (Barnstaple)

The College operates the Petroc Transport Scheme which provides students with transport to college using the public route that runs closest to the home address. Travel is with a college Travel Pass which will cost £558 for 2019-20 or, for students who qualify under the College Bursary scheme, will be free.

Further information is given on links to local transport operators.

Students can apply for a Pass from June 2019 with information updated on the college website at <https://www.petroc.ac.uk/college-information/bus-information/information-for-students-starting-in-september> or, for those living in Somerset, by calling the College Guidance Centre on 01271 852422. Students who live in Cornwall are advised to contact Cornwall Council. Devon residents should contact Devon County Council if they are not eligible for support from Petroc or the level of available support is insufficient.

Petroc operates a Bursary Scheme. Students from low income households who live more than three miles away from college may be able to access Bursary funding and qualify for a free bus pass. Exemptions to the bursary policy can be considered on an individual basis and students are invited to discuss this with the College.

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Bicton College

The College operates a Transport Assistance Scheme where students travel in each day of the week. Students must pay the fee and provide a photograph by 1 August; after this date the processing of

applications can take up to 15 working days. Passes are not issued until a photograph and payment are received.

Families with a household income below £31,000.00 may be able to seek financial assistance through the Bursary Fund.

The website http://join.bicton.ac.uk/generic_content/transport_HowToGetToBictonCollege.html gives travel information regarding bus routes from the surrounding area.

South Devon College

The College Travel Pass is available to all students, including Post-16, in partnership with Stagecoach. SDC Travel Passes offer every day unlimited travel from 1st September 2019 until 31st July 2020 and will offer unlimited Stagecoach travel as a Dayrider or Explorer, depending upon the student's location.

The pass is free for students:

- Students aged 16-18, studying a full time course
- Living with a household income less than £25,000
- Aged 19+ and eligible for a Bursary may also qualify, depending on the home address

To apply for the Pass, students must apply to the SDC Bursary Fund <https://www.southdevon.ac.uk/help-advice/financial-support> Students can apply online for their SDC Bursary.

For students living in a Dayrider zone, the Pass can be upgraded to an Explorer Pass for £40 a term or £120 a year.

If household income is greater than £25,000 the Dayrider pass will cost £300 for the entire academic year or £100 per term. This can be paid by cash, card, cheque payable to South Devon College, Direct Debit or via the College Online Shop.

Students who do not qualify for free travel can purchase the Travel Pass at a heavily discounted price.

There is a website link for students to check their Stagecoach Zone at <https://www.southdevon.ac.uk/help-advice/travel-support>

SDC Stagecoach Dayrider Travel Pass: £300 – covers: Brixham, Kingswear, Dartmouth, Paignton, Torquay, Totnes, Newton Abbot, Teignmouth & Dawlish

SDC Stagecoach Explorer Travel Pass: £420 – covers the Dayrider Zone plus: South Brent, Ivybridge, Plymouth, Chudleigh, Ashburton, Bovey Tracey, Buckfastleigh and Exeter, costing £390 for the academic year

A River Dart Ferry Pass can be purchased at £150 for the academic year or £50 a term, covering timetabled college days only.

SDC Kingsbridge Coach Pass: £450 - coach travels between; Kingsbridge, East Allington (Mounts), Halwell, Harbertonford and SDC. This is available for apprentices who travel on one day a week for £150, covering timetabled college days only.

City College Plymouth

City College Plymouth offers a subsidised travel pass to full time students:

- subsidised bus passes for Plymouth city boundary - Plymouth Citybus
- subsidised bus passes for Stagecoach buses serving
 - Certain areas of Plymouth
 - Ivybridge
 - Saltash
 - Tavistock
- subsidised bus passes for Go Cornwall buses serving
 - Launceston
 - Looe
 - Liskeard and Saltash
- FREE College shuttle bus between Plymouth city centre and Kings Road (bus number 36). Please show the driver a valid student ID card to claim your free travel. Until the end of September, students can travel for free on the College Service 36 without their ID card.
- Students may be able to receive support for transport if aged 16 and over on a government funded FE course and from a low income household via the College Discretionary Learner Support Funds. For

further information and an application form please contact the Student Funding team on **01752 305300** or info@cityplym.ac.uk.

There may also be support for students where household income is higher.

Assistance will be given to full-time students who live more than three miles from the College site they attend. Support will be available either in the form of a FREE bus pass or a contribution towards travel costs if you live in an area where there is no suitable bus service. If you are a full-time student whose household income is over £21,000, bus passes are available from the College Transport Fund at a subsidised cost from £315.

3. What times during the day can students use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?

Post-16 students who are eligible for transport assistance from Devon County Council will be issued with a Devon Smartrider Pass which gives:

- one pre-paid journey to college and one pre-paid journey from college on the days specified, including connections. The operator for this journey is specified on your ticket. The journey home must start from college by 9.30pm
- reduced price bus travel after 6.00pm on college days, all day at weekends and during college holidays on services operated by the bus companies listed below.

£1 flat fare

	£1.20 flat fare	1/3 discount
Rail Riverlink*	Buses of Somerset	Axe Valley
	Dartline	Country Bus
	First Wessex	Filers Travel
	Stagecoach	Hatch Green
	Tally Ho	Local Link
		Target Travel
		Turners Tours

*Bus services only

The Smartrider pass is valid for:

- the pre-paid journey to and from college between the points set out on your pass on the days of the week specified
- the off peak travel discounts anywhere in Devon on the companies as listed above, including within Plymouth and Torbay
- the pass to and from the following towns outside Devon: Bude, Chard, Dulverton, Launceston, Lyme Regis, Saltash, Taunton and Wellington.

Exeter College

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

PETROC (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

Bicton College

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

South Devon College

SDC Stagecoach passes offer 24/7 unlimited travel in the relevant area from 1 September 2019 until 31 July 2020.

City College Plymouth

The Devon pass offers full time students from the Ivybridge, Kingsbridge and Tavistock areas flexible bus travel using public services throughout the day to attend college and return home. Full timetable details are available from City College Plymouth Student Funding Team on 01752 305381.

4. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

Students must be under nineteen years of age on 31 August immediately preceding the start of the academic year. An exception to the upper age limit may be made where a student has been studying a specific course for those with learning difficulties and is required to attend beyond 19 in order to complete the course. Support would then continue only until the end of the academic year during which the student reaches their twenty-first birthday, provided that they remain on the same course at the same college. A further exception is made for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities as detailed above.

Exeter College

Help for students aged over 19 students may be available through the College Learner Support Fund, 01392 400526.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

Transport is run academic year to academic year so students who reach 19 before the start of the academic year/course (i.e. September) will have their transport organised on the college's concessionary transport scheme. Those who reach 19 after September having already started their course will continue to have their transport organised by Devon County Council for that year – if they still have another year on their course, their transport will then be organised by Petroc.

Bicton College

The same offer of help with parental contribution applies. A concessionary seat can be arranged for learners over 19 years of age. The Sponsored Seat Scheme form needs to be completed, together with a passport-sized photo and £25 payment. The learner will be invoiced termly once the cost of the seat is confirmed. For learners in hardship, application under the discretionary Learner Support Fund can be made and awards will be based on need.

South Devon College

Transport assistance may be available from the College through the College's 19+ Learner Support Fund.

City College Plymouth

Full time students applying for a free travel pass beyond 19 are means tested - currently household income below £21,000. Other students whose household income is above the threshold for a free bus pass may purchase a subsidised one.

5. How will students be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g. means testing, or must they be on benefits?

Where help is given, the County Council pays most of the cost, but a contribution, from parents or from a College, is required. The LA provides assistance where the student or parent has established there is a need to do so because assistance is not available from the college or is insufficient and where the student or parent is unable to make other arrangements.

Exeter College

Students must live more than three miles from College, be studying a full-time course (more than 16 hours a week) and be under 19 years of age on the 1 September. Students from families on a low income or in receipt of benefits may be eligible for further financial help.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

For full support, students or their families must be on a means tested benefit or low household income.

Bicton College

Please see answer to question 2.

South Devon College

There may be assistance available from the College for families with a household income of less than £25,000 per year or in receipt of certain means-tested benefits.

City College Plymouth

Free bus passes are means tested, subsidised bus passes are for full time students with a household income over £21,000.

6. What help do you provide for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or students facing other difficulties in following their courses?

Devon considers the transport needs of Post-16 students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities during the transitional planning process undertaken during years 10 and 11. The LA would expect to be consulted in the transitional planning process with regard to transport provision and parents are strongly advised to contact the LA to confirm that this has taken place. The following main points apply:

- Where students have been placed at special schools or units by the LA, transport assistance will be provided in the same way as for pupils of statutory school age.
- Eligibility criteria will apply.
- In cases where the student cannot walk to school or college, accompanied as necessary because of his or her disability, transport will not be automatically provided.
- Parents will need to submit an application form.
- Additional assistance may be available, such as the provision of escorts, in cases where the student's needs require it. Modified vehicles may also be used to facilitate college or special school attendance.
- Independent travel training is offered to students to enable them to travel by public transport.

DCC supports free travel for eligible adult learners who are educated at an establishment funded directly by the EFA e.g. Independent Specialist Providers for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Young adults aged 19-25 with a learning difficulty and / or disability may also be eligible for a Motability Allowance, depending on the nature of their primary need:

www.direct.gov.uk/en/disabledpeople/motoringandtransport/adaptिंगavehicle/dg_10028000

Exeter College

The same rules apply regarding eligibility for assistance with travel for students with Learning Difficulties and/or with disabilities.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

The college can support a student with disabilities up to £580, to allow them to use their own transport. This support is means tested.

Bicton College

Funding help applies to all students; please contact 01395 562393 or email transport@bicton.ac.uk to discuss further.

South Devon College

The College can support a student with disabilities up to £450, to allow them to use their own transport. This support is means tested. Please contact the College Helpzone on 08000 380123 for further information.

City College Plymouth

Transport for students with disabilities is arranged by Plymouth City Council in most instances dependent upon where the student lives. In some cases the travel is arranged by Devon County Council and Cornwall County Council given the location of City College Plymouth.

7. Do you provide mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport?

The LA offers Independent Travel Training for pupils in years 10 and 11 as well as Post-16 students. This has been very successful in improving not only independence on the way to school but also in developing communication skills and confidence. This work is carried out in partnership with Adult and Community Services, thus giving continuity for young people at the point of transition to adult services. The Council is looking to continue to support the initiative by including trainers within the staffing structure. The Buddy Scheme, which has been recognised as an example of good practice, is being supported at colleges, for students who can use public transport with some degree of assistance from fellow students. All of these are recognised as a priority in developing independence and confidence.

Some FE colleges also operate assistance schemes, such as the Buddy scheme, and mobility training may be provided as part of some special courses for students with learning difficulties. Details can be obtained from individual colleges.

Although funding for Devon Wheels to Learn has ended, assistance may be available via Devon Wheels to Work.

Exeter College

No information.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

No information.

Bicton College

Please contact the Transport Manager in the first instance on (01395) 562393 to discuss workshops arranged by the LA and our "travel buddy" scheme.

South Devon College

Travel Training is imbedded in some Learning Opportunities courses at SDC. The Local Authorities (ie Devon County Council and Torbay Council) may be able to offer this support.

City College Plymouth

City College Plymouth offers mobility and independence training as an integral part of the Skills Development courses for 16-19 aged students and students over 19. More information is available from the Skills Development Programme Area Manager.

8. When should students start to apply for transport support?

Students are expected to have contacted their college for support with transport arrangements according to the timetables of the colleges. Where support is not available or insufficient to get the student to and from college and where other arrangements cannot be put in place, students should then contact the LA for support sufficiently in advance of the start of term so that it can be put in place if agreed.

A flier is distributed in hard copy and electronically to encourage early application and is included on the DCC website. All students must send in a passport photograph with their payment or evidence of benefits by 1 July in order to receive a pass in time for the beginning of the Autumn term.

Exeter College

Application forms will be available by May/June 2019.

Returning students are emailed (to their College email accounts) renewal forms during May/June and receive text messages to remind them to renew. Applications need to be received by the College by late July to ensure that a travel pass will be available for the beginning of the Autumn term.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

Ideally as early as possible. Currently students apply in June or as soon as they have been turned down by the LA.

Bicton College

As soon as possible and particularly important if the learner lives a long distance from The College. Options can then be discussed, such as availability of on campus accommodation. Contributions will be refunded if the learner does not take up their chosen course so early application will not cause financial loss.

South Devon College

Information is available at interview and on our website www.southdevon.ac.uk. Passes will be available from the start of the academic year.

City College Plymouth

Application forms will be available for July/August. Students not eligible for a free bus pass may go online at www.cityplym.ac.uk to purchase a subsidised bus pass.

9. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LA area?

Where the closest establishment with availability for a course necessary for progression to Higher Education is outside the county boundary in a neighbouring authority, transport assistance is provided subject to the usual criteria. While the County Council does not provide assistance with transport beyond the normal maximum travelling distance (defined as a public transport journey of more than 75 minutes), policy does allow for some students to attend Post-16 provision outside the LA where there are sound educational reasons for doing so, e.g. students with special educational needs. Some restrictions (such as the travelling distance) may be waived for students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities.

Exeter College

At present if any additional help is required with travelling to and from Exeter College learners should contact the Exeter College Accounts Team on (01392) 400319.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

If any additional help is required with travelling to and from College, help may be available from a central support fund.

Bicton College

Using the concessionary "Sponsored Seat" scheme, learners can use transport that starts from the point nearest to their home address and help with the cost of transport may be available through our discretionary Learner Support funds. Please contact transport@bicton.ac.uk or telephone 01395 562393 to discuss options.

South Devon College

There may be additional support available from the College's 16-18 Bursary Fund for anyone travelling from outside the LA boundary.

City College Plymouth

Students can apply for travel support, this is means tested. (Household income under £21,000).

10. What help is available for students who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?

The County Council does not assist with board and lodging costs unless the student has been placed at the establishment by the LA.

Exeter College

Not applicable.

Petroc (Barnstaple) and (Tiverton)

Not applicable.

Bicton College

Learners over 16 years of age can apply for accommodation on campus and, if eligible, receive assistance with accommodation costs. It is likely that learners will already have been identified as needing this option, and information will have been sent out to them. For further information, please contact the Funding and Transport Advisor on (01395) 562393.

South Devon College

Not applicable.

City College Plymouth

City College Plymouth can advise on the Education Funding Agency's Residential Support Scheme which helps students in this situation travelling to City College Plymouth. Please contact the Student Funding Team on 01752 305381.

11. Please provide information about all points of contact for students seeking transport support, e.g. LA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

For information on transport provided by Devon County Council students should contact My Devon on **0345 155 1019**. For information on all available public transport students should contact: **Traveline** on 0871 200 2233 www.traveline.org.uk

Exeter College:

College Travel Scheme Hotline:
(01392) 400100

travelscheme@exe-coll.ac.uk

www.exe-coll.ac.uk/1618/Travel/TravelPasses.aspx

Petroc (Barnstaple)

Guidance Centre:

Telephone: (01271) 338125

guidancecentre@petroc.ac.uk

www.petroc.ac.uk

Petroc (Tiverton)

The Guidance Centre

Telephone: (01884) 235245

guidancecentre@petroc.ac.uk

www.petroc.ac.uk

Bicton College

Transport Manager

Telephone: (01395) 562393

transport@bicton.ac.uk

www.bicton.ac.uk

South Devon College

Sophie Linger, Transport Officer

Telephone: (01803) 540323 or 0800 0380123

sophie.linger@southdevon.ac.uk

transport@southdevon.ac.uk

www.southdevon.ac.uk

City College Plymouth

Student Funding Team

Telephone (01752) 305110

studentfunding@cityplym.ac.uk

www.cityplym.ac.uk

Other useful contacts

Devon County Council: Education Transport Team (0345) 155 1019

www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport

Torbay Council: (01803) 208242

Plymouth City Council: (01752) 307412

Somerset County Council: (0345) 3459155

Cornwall Council: (01872) 322437

Dorset County Council: (01305) 221 000

Information on trains and buses

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Phone: 03457 484950

National Traveline for bus timetable information 0871 2002233

www.devon.gov.uk/buses

Forthcoming Changes for 2020-21

There are no changes to the Devon County Council Post-16 Transport Policy from 2019-20 to 2020-21.