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Dear Colleague

New Home to School Transport Policy: Implementation for September 2019

You may recall the Council contacted you at the same time last year announcing the launch of a public consultation on the above policy. The consultation ran during the autumn term 2017 and a subsequent revised policy was agreed by Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet on 9 March 2018. The formal policies (Mainstream and SEN) are now available along with a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website at: https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/school-transport (there are a number of pages that refer to the new policy as it applies to a number of different cohorts of pupils). Hard copies are available on request.

You will note from the FAQs that during October/November 2018 we will also be contacting directly, families of students who will be (or likely to be) requiring Post 16 SEN transport in 2019 as this is the group of children that will see the biggest change to current arrangements. There has also been media coverage of the changes and the consultation was well publicised, however, I would also be grateful for your help in disseminating the news that the policy has now been published; it will take effect from August/September 2019 and is available to view on our website. Similarly, I would appreciate it if you can make prospective and returning Post 16 students for 2019 aware of the policy changes as it may have a bearing on their educational choices for the next academic year.

We shall continue to update our website and FAQs in response to queries and contacts and, of course, would welcome any comments you wish to make on the same.

Yours sincerely,

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