

Students who attend specialist provision may be able to take advantage of some available spaces on some contracted vehicles but may have to pay a charge for this service.

Why to we need to consult?

Current national guidance on Home to School Transport states that 'Local Authorities should consult widely on any changes to their local policies on school/college travel arrangements with interested parties. Please find below a questionnaire which you should complete and return so that you can contribute to this Consultation. Please return completed questionnaires to the address overleaf by **20 January 2012**, or alternatively, you can access this online at <http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations> from **19 November 2011**.

Yours sincerely

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FREEMAN COLLEGE

Consultation on proposed revisions to the current Transport Policy for Children and Young People – Post 16 Transport

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Consultation Start Date: 19 November 2011

End Date: 20 January 2012

The proposal is to discontinue the discretionary element of Post 16 transport commencing September 2012. Whilst the main reason for proposing revisions to the Policy is financial, the changes would bring greater fairness and equity in transport provision for this group of young people. The Council does not have a legal duty to provide free transport assistance to pupils who are above statutory school age.

Please see below and circle the answers with the options you wish us to consider:

1. Discontinuation of all discretionary transport for Post 16 Learners from September 2012.

Yes

No

Don't know

2. Introduce charges for Post 16 Learners who have physical and medical needs which prevent them from accessing public services from September 2012.

Yes

No

Don't know

3. Do you agree that existing means tested benefit entitlements (e.g. Free School Meals) should be used to calculate contributions to travel costs for Post 16 learners with SEN?

Yes

No

Don't know

4. Any further comments you wish to provide for us:

Rotherham Council is under a statutory duty to provide education for young people with learning difficulties up to age 25. It is therefore under a duty to provide support and the means for young people to access that provision at Freeman College.

You may access an electronic version of this questionnaire on the Council website at <http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations> from **19 November 2011**.