

**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 2011-12

**Name of Local Authority: Devon County Council
Department Responsible: Children & Young People's
Services**

1. Summary of Policy Statement and Main Objectives

The County Council considers that the most effective way of meeting need is by extending its transport network to include post-16 establishments and to offer transport to eligible students in return for a contribution (normally from parents) towards the cost of this transport.

There is no automatic entitlement to free home to school or college transport once a student is over 16. However, the local authority has agreed to assist with travel expenses in certain circumstances.

The Transport Partnership has engaged with the 14-19 agenda and the impacts of the Raised Participation Age (RPA). A 14-19 Transport Co-ordinator is now an integral part of the 14+ Learning and Skills Strategic Team. His role is to work with the 14-19 Strategic Leadership Group, schools, consortia, learning providers and transport providers to formulate plans to facilitate the engagement of learners with the new agenda.

The authority has also, within its Children and Young People's Plan, identified a priority around "Improving Access and Sustainable Travel for children and young people. A project group exists to deliver this priority and actions of the group include an update of the Devon Sustainable School Travel Strategy, in order to reflect the transport and travel options for 16+ students. This group engages with young people and the Youth Parliament.

The following is a summary of eligibility:

Eligibility criteria

In order to qualify for assistance under the Local Authority 16+ assistance scheme a student must satisfy the following criteria:

- The student must be resident in Devon and attending a full time course of education, defined as 16 hours or more of supervised study. Students resident in the Unitary Councils of Plymouth and Torbay are not eligible for support from Devon and must apply directly to their home authorities.
- The student must be under nineteen years of age on 31 August immediately preceding the start of the academic year (see exception for students with Special Educational Needs).
- Students must attend their designated establishment (see below).
- The journey from home to school or college must be three miles or more, measured by the shortest available pedestrian route.

Students who are ineligible under these criteria may apply for concessionary places on contract coaches, where public services do not exist. They may also apply to their college for financial support.

Designated establishments

There are two main types of establishment serving students who are over compulsory school age: Sixth Forms and Further Education (FE) Colleges. These are defined as follows:

- Where the school serving the home address has a sixth form, this school is the designated establishment.
- Where there is no sixth form serving the area, the FE College is the designated establishment. However, if a student has attended the **nearest** school to their home address in Year 11, rather than the designated school, transport assistance may be available to this school provided the student meets the eligibility criteria.
- If a student intends to follow an **entirely** vocational post 16 course and this is not available at the designated sixth form, then they will be eligible for transport to their designated FE College.
- An exception may be made where a student has to attend a particular establishment, since it is the nearest school or college where one or more “A” levels **essential** to the student’s future career choice may be obtained. Students will be required to produce evidence of this validated by a college or university e.g. photocopy of current entry requirements, or a letter from a university stating that a particular “A” level is essential for entry onto a degree course.

Charges

The level of contribution is set by the County Council and reviewed annually. For new students for 2011/12 it stands at £500 (£470 if paid in full in advance). The contribution is reduced by 50% for low-income families, defined as those in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit, or benefits which would have entitled them to free school meals. For returning students, the contribution is £378 (£348 if paid in full in advance). The contribution is waived for low-income families.

Payments can be made by instalments during the academic year.

The level of contributions is reviewed annually.

Other important points

- Assistance with travelling expenses is available for one inward and outward journey to/from school/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. Assistance is only provided to the pick up point if the student’s home address is more than three miles away.
- Assistance is not provided to establishments beyond reasonable daily travelling distance. A reasonable distance is defined as less than 75 minutes,

where the majority of the journey may be taken on existing contract routes and/or public transport.

- Students who move outside the area served by the local authority part way through their course must apply to their new local authority 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.

Exceptions may be made for students with special educational needs.

Post-16 students with special educational needs

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.

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

The following main points apply:

- Where students have been placed at special schools or units by the local authority, transport assistance will be provided in the same way as for pupils of statutory school age.
- The eligibility criteria, as detailed above, will apply.
- Unless the student cannot walk to school or college, accompanied as necessary because of his or her disability, transport will not be automatically provided.
- 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. It is recognised that in light of the re-enactment of the adult transport duty (s.509 EA 1996) it will be necessary for the Local Authority to review transport support for LLDD learners in advance of Academic Year 2011/2012.
- Payment of the required contribution applies equally to students with special educational needs.

Complaints and Appeals

Where students or their parents/carers are unhappy with the decision about eligibility for assisted post 16 transport they should, in the first instance, contact the Local Authority Transport Team on 0845 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/carer 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 will be 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 0845 155 1019.

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 existing transport in the same way as students of compulsory school age. The charges are the same as for entitled students but there are no fee waivers. In addition individual FE institutions may provide assistance. Students will often be asked for proof of refusal by the County Council before the college will agree to assist:

Exeter College

Exeter College provides help with transport to students who are not eligible for assistance from the Local Authority, but does not cover the full cost of transport. A contribution of £500 is required for 2011-12 for new students and this is reviewed annually.

It may be possible for a student whose family is on a low income or in receipt of benefits to obtain assistance for one term only from the College Learner Support Fund. The Learner Support Fund is administered by the Student Welfare Administrator, 01392 205526. Assistance is provided in the form of a season ticket for use on public transport.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

PETROC (Barnstaple) provides help with transport to students who are not eligible for assistance from the Local Authority, but does not cover the full cost of transport.

- £500 for the annual pass (It may be cheaper to purchase a ticket/pass directly from the bus company)
- £50 for those who can evidence receipt of a qualifying means tested benefit (dated within the last 3 months)
- £380 (Under 19) if on a feeder bus and are therefore unable to access cheaper transport you may be able to apply to the Learner Support Fund for assistance if your household income is below £30,810. You will need to present your pass and evidence of your household income to the Guidance Centre and a refund of £120 may be available.

Returning 2nd year learners for 2011/ 12:

- £378 for the annual pass
- Full remission for those who can evidence receipt of a qualifying means tested benefit (dated within the last 3 months)
- Benefits may be received by the individual or the parent(s)/ guardian (s) they reside with (If aged U19)

Please note that fees are charged pro-rata for part time learners – please contact the Guidance Centre for further details on guidancecentre@petroc.ac.uk (01271) 338125

It may be possible for a student whose family is on a low income or in receipt of benefits to obtain assistance for one term only from the Central Support Fund. The Support Fund is administered by the Guidance Centre on 01271 388125.

PETROC (Tiverton)

PETROC (Tiverton) provides help with transport to students who are not eligible for assistance from the Local Authority, but does not cover the full cost of transport. A contribution of £500 is required for 2011-12 for new students, £378 for returning students. This is reviewed annually.

If you are accepted, and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit you will automatically be entitled to help from the College's Learner Support Fund. This will reduce your cost to £50 for the year. The £50 can be paid in two instalments at PETROC; £25 will be due with the application and the second payment of £25 due by 31st October 2011.

If you send your Devon County Council Payment form, the Learner Support application Form, a Passport sized photograph, Benefit evidence (dated within the last 3 months) and your payment of £25 to the HUB, Petroc, Bolham Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6SH, The HUB Team will then order your pass.

Students from Somerset are automatically concessionary students and the college scheme operates for them in the same way as for Devon students. It may be possible for a student whose family is on a low income or in receipt of benefits to obtain assistance for one term only from the Central Support Fund. The Support Fund is administered by The Hub on 01884 235330.

Bicton College

If the learner's household is on a low income, Bicton College will consider payment to cover the parental contribution provided proof of refusal is supplied from the Local Authority, together with proof of household income for the period 2010-11 usually evidenced in the form of a Tax Credit Award Notice. Those students not entitled to assistance from the Local Authority should contact the Funding and Transport Officer at Bicton College on (01395) 562393 to discuss further. Non-entitled students will have the opportunity to apply for assistance through the College's discretionary Learner Support Funds. Students who are not in a hardship situation, but feel that they would benefit from a concessionary seat, will be advised of the cost of transport (which is set by the Local Authority) and invoiced termly for the cost of the seat.

South Devon College

Anyone not entitled to assistance from Devon County Council can contact South Devon College directly on 08000 380123. Students will be provided with a pass which entitles them to the same opportunities for travel that the concessionary scheme does with a contribution of £500 is required for 2011-12 for new students, £378 for returning students and this is reviewed annually. In the first instance all applications should be made direct to Devon County Council.

All students travelling to South Devon College using Stagecoach Devon Bus Services are entitled to the Advantage Bus Travel Scheme at a significantly reduced price, equivalent to £7 per week (based on travelling from home to South Devon College as a full time student 3 days per week). If you show your college travel pass when travelling on Stagecoach Devon at other times you will be eligible to travel for only £1 per journey.

South Devon College Eligibility Table

New Students who have never received EMA previously (No longer eligible for EMA)	Household income less than £20,817 p.a. If you live over 3 miles from College - FREE BUS PASS	Household income £20,817 - £30,000 p.a. Support from the Learner Support Fund may be available, subject to application and criteria.	Household income over £30,000 p.a. Hardship support from the Learner Support Fund may be available in exceptional circumstances, subject to application and criteria.	You are in care, a care leaver or living independently and receiving Income Support. Eligible for a Government Bursary of £1,200 for your studies next year.
Continuing Students (including transfers from other colleges/6 th forms)	Your date of birth is on or between 1st September 1992 and 31st August 1994 and you receive £30 per week EMA in 2010-11 and this was your first year of receiving EMA. You will be eligible to receive £20 per week for your studies in 2011-12	Your date of birth is on or between 1st September 1992 and 31st August 1993 and you have received EMA for both 2009-10 and 2010-11. You will continue to be paid your EMA for your studies in 2011-12 at the level you have received for the last 2 years	Your date of birth is on or between 1st September 1992 and 31st August 1995 and you are in one of the following categories: in care, a care leaver or receiving Income Support. Eligible for a Bursary of £1,200 for your studies next year	All other full time 16-18 students Entitled to purchase the significantly reduced travel pass equivalent to £7 per week (£250 per annum)

City College Plymouth

City College Plymouth offers a subsidised travel pass to full time students who are refused assistance from Devon County Council. Full time students from the Ivybridge, Kingsbridge and Tavistock areas can apply for a subsidised travel pass at the proposed cost of £270 per year on all First public routes for the academic year if refused support from Devon County. If a new student is charged the full cost rate of £500 from Devon County Council, these students could apply direct to City College Plymouth for the First bus pass at the rate above - subject to household income and other criteria. Applications for the College pass can be made direct to the Student Funding Team by contacting 01752 305381 from August.

There is limited student parking available at both the Kings Road and Goschen centres for cars and motorbikes. However, the College does offer:

- bike and clothing lockers for hire
- subsidised bus passes for First buses serving
 - Ivybridge
 - Kingsbridge
 - Tavistock
- subsidised bus passes for Western Greyhound buses serving
 - Launceston
 - Looe
 - Liskeard
- FREE College shuttle bus between Plymouth city centre, Kings Road and Goschen (Citybus number 36) and other parallel services
- bus and train operator discounts.

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

Smartrider passes are issued to all post 16 students in Devon. The usual criteria and payments apply. The Devon Smartrider pass provides:

- Operator specific **PREPAID** travel to and from the place of learning. The return journey from college must commence by 9.30 pm.
- FREE travel after 6 pm on college days and all day at weekends and during college holidays on any service operated by the bus companies listed below:
 - • First Devon & Cornwall
 - • Dawlish Coaches
 - • First Hants & Dorset
 - • Tally Ho!
- The Devon Smartrider Pass also offers 1/3 discount after 6 pm on college days and all day at weekends and during college holidays on any service operated by the bus companies listed below:
 - • Axe Valley
 - • Country Bus
 - • Dartline
 - • Filers Travel
 - • Plymouth Citybus
 - • Stagecoach
 - • Turners Tours
 - • TW Coaches

Restrictions on Travel

- **Cross border travel** must be unbroken, either starting and/or finishing in Devon, as the pass will not cover travel entirely outside of Devon. A return ticket must be purchased in Devon.
- Travel will not be allowed on **train** services using the Devon Smartrider pass. If you have a train pass this can only be used on the train.

Students who travel on contract bus routes, or who are transported by taxi with other students, have no choice as to the time they may travel on outward or return journeys.

Some multi-journey discount schemes offered by public transport operators also have restrictions on travel.

Exeter College

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

PETROC (Tiverton)

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

Bicton College

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

South Devon College-

Benefits available as for Smartrider pass.

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.

Exeter College

Help for over 19 students may be available through the College Learner Support Fund.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

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 (Barnstaple).

PETROC (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 (Tiverton).

Bicton College

Bus passes can be arranged for learners over 19 years of age and Bicton College will invoice the learner each term for the cost of the concessionary seat. For learners in hardship, application under the discretionary Learner Support Fund can be made. However, applications received after 15 August 2011 may result in the issue of the bus pass being delayed and the learner will not be reimbursed for fares paid in the intervening period on public transport.

South Devon College

Transport assistance may be available from the college for full time students through the College Learner Support Fund . Please contact the college on 08000 380123.

City College Plymouth

If the student turns 19 whilst in their year of study they can continue to use the bus pass supplied. If they were under 19 at the start of the course they can still apply to receive a bus pass after their 19th birthday. Students may qualify for Discretionary Learner Support Funds to help towards travel costs. Consideration is given relating to their circumstances.

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, usually from parents, is expected. For 2011-12 this has been set at £500 for new students, £378 for returning students. Facilities are available to pay termly, or by monthly direct debit. If the whole sum is paid in advance the cost is reduced to £470 (or £348).

The contribution is halved for low-income families (waived for returning students on low incomes), defined as those in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit or benefits which would have entitled them to free school meals.

Exeter College

Transport assistance via the Exeter College Scheme is only available to students who have been refused help from the Local Authority (a letter confirming that they are refused help is required). Students also have to live more than three miles from College, studying a full time course (more than 16 hours a week) and be under 19 years of age on the 1 September. A contribution is required from the student before a pass can be issued. Students from families on a low income or in receipt of benefits may be eligible for further financial help.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

Transport assistance via the PETROC (Barnstaple) Scheme is only available to students who have been refused help from the Local Authority (a letter

confirming that they are refused help is required). For full support, students or their families must be on a means tested benefit.

PETROC (Tiverton)

Transport assistance via the PETROC (Tiverton) Scheme is only available to students who have been refused help from the Local Authority (a letter confirming that they are refused help is required). For full support, students or their families must be on a means tested benefit.

Bicton College

Each request for assistance due to help not being available from the Local Authority will be considered on an individual basis. Please contact the Funding and Transport Officer at Bicton College on (01395) 562393 to discuss further.

South Devon College

Transport assistance is only available to students who have been refused help from the local authority (a letter confirming they have been refused help is required). There may be assistance available from the College for families with low income or in receipt of certain means-tested benefits. Please contact the College on 08000 380123 for further information.

City College Plymouth

Full time students applying for a subsidised travel pass on First are not means tested.

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?

DCC considers the transport needs of post-16 students with special educational needs during the transitional planning process undertaken during years 10 and 11. The local authority would expect to be consulted in the transitional planning process with regard to transport provision and parents are strongly advised to contact the local authority to confirm that this has taken place. The following main points apply:

- Where students have been placed at special schools or units by the local authority, transport assistance will be provided in the same way as for pupils of statutory school age.
- The eligibility criteria, as detailed in 2 and 3 above, will apply.
- Unless 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 YPLA 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.

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/disabledpeople/motoringandtransport/adaptingavehicle/dg_10028000

Exeter College

The same rules apply regarding eligibility for assistance with travel for students with Special Educational Needs and/or with disabilities.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

The college can support a student with disabilities up to £450, to allow them to use their own transport. This support is means tested.

PETROC (Tiverton)

The college can support a student with disabilities up to £450, to allow them to use their own transport. This support is means tested.

Bicton College

The same rules apply regarding eligibility for assistance with travel for students with Special Educational Needs and/or with disabilities. Please contact The Funding and Transport Officer on (01395) 562393 to discuss this further.

South Devon College

The same criteria apply regarding eligibility for assistance with travel for students with learning difficulties and /or disabilities.

City College Plymouth

Transport for students with disabilities is arranged by Plymouth City Council in most instances dependant 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 local authority offers Independent Travel Training for pupils in years 10 and 11 as well as 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.

Through the 14-19 transport partnership Devon funds 16 mopeds through Devon Wheels to Learn. This is available for students who can not access public transport and would struggle to get to their point of learning.

Web link: <http://www.devonwheels2learn.co.uk/>

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 Wendy Round – Skills Development Programme Area Manager.

Bicton College

Please contact Karen Selley in the first instance on (01395) 562393 to discuss workshops arranged by the Local Authority and our “travel buddy” scheme.

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

For students renewing their applications, forms are sent directly to them during the Spring term.

For new students, application packs are sent to all Year 11 students via their Devon school in March or April. These should be completed and returned as soon as possible and by 1 June at the latest. 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 August in order to receive a pass in time for the beginning of the Autumn term.

Exeter College

Application forms for the College Travel scheme are available from May/June. Returning students are forwarded renewal forms during June. Applications need to be received by the College by mid August to ensure that a travel pass will be available for the beginning of the Autumn term.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

Ideally as early as possible. Currently students apply in May or as soon as they have been turned down by the Local Authority.

PETROC (Tiverton)

Ideally as early as possible. Currently students apply in May or as soon as they have been turned down by the Local Authority.

Bicton College

As soon as possible and particularly important if the student lives a long distance from Bicton College. Options can then be discussed if their application to the Local Authority for transport is refused. Contributions made to the Local Authority will be refunded if the student does not take up their chosen course so early application will not cause financial loss.

Duchy College

Duchy College serves a wide area and offers specialist course. Transport to the college is jointly organised by DCC and the college. Students must complete the DCC form and also advise the college that they require transport.

South Devon College

Information is available at interview. Devon students should apply to the Council by the beginning of June and as soon as the student receives notice of non entitlement they can contact the College on 08000 380123. Passes will be available from the start of the academic year.

City College Plymouth

Application forms will be sent to students together with a copy of the Travel Policy in July/August. Students must contact City College Plymouth Student Funding Team for the details on purchasing the subsidised pass on First. Application forms for students over 19 for the Discretionary Learner Support Funds will be available from August.

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

Where the designated establishment is outside the county boundary in a neighbouring authority, generally because it is the closest, 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 special educational needs.

Exeter College

At present if any additional help is required with travelling to and from Exeter College learners should contact the Exeter College Travel Scheme Administrator directly.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

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

PETROC (Tiverton)

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

Bicton College

Please contact the Funding and Transport Officer on (01395) 562393 to discuss options. Help may be available through the discretionary Learner Support Funds.

South Devon College

There may be additional support available from the College's bursary scheme for anyone travelling from outside the local authority boundary. Please contact 08000 380123 for further information.

City College Plymouth

Please contact City College Plymouth to discuss your needs.

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 normally assist with board and lodging costs.

Exeter College

Not applicable.

PETROC (Barnstaple)

Not applicable

PETROC (Tiverton)

Students who travel in from remote places/long distances can enquire about accommodation in the area; the college has an accommodations officer with a register of properties.

Bicton College

Students over 16 years of age can apply for accommodation on campus and, if eligible, receive assistance with accommodation costs. For further information, please contact the Funding and Transport Advisor on (01395) 562393.

South Devon College

Not applicable at this time.

City College Plymouth

City College Plymouth can advise on the Young Peoples Learning Agency 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 **0845 155 1019**. For information on all available public transport students should contact: **Traveline** on 0871 200 2233 www.traveline.org.uk

Exeter College:

Travel Scheme Administrator

Telephone: (01392) 205319

e-mail: emmamilburn@exe-coll.ac.uk

website: www.exe-coll.ac.uk

PETROC (Barnstaple)

Guidance Centre:

Telephone: (01271) 338125

e-mail: ehafield@ndevon.ac.uk

website: www.ndevon.ac.uk

PETROC (Tiverton)

The Hub

Telephone: (01884) 235330

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Bicton College

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South Devon College

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City College Plymouth

Student Funding Team

Telephone (01752) 305381

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website: www.cityplym.ac.uk

Other useful contacts

Devon County Council: Education Transport Team (0845) 155 1019

www.devon.gov.uk/school_transport

Torbay Council: (01803) 208242

Plymouth City Council: (01752) 307412

Somerset County Council: (0845) 3459155

Cornwall Council: (01872) 322437

Dorset County Council: (01305) 221 000

Information on trains and buses

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Phone: 08457 484950

National Traveline for bus timetable information 0871 200233

www.devon.gov.uk/buses

Forthcoming Changes for 2012-13

There will be consideration regarding the continuation of a discounted contribution for returning students or an alignment with the contribution from new students.

The level of contribution will be reviewed as it is annually.
Support for eligible adult learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities will be reviewed after the first year of implementation.