

**To: EXECUTIVE MEMBER for CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING  
4 December 2020**

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**EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICY FOR BRACKNELL FOREST CHILDREN  
AGED 5-16  
Executive Director of People**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report seeks formal approval of the Education Travel policy, for children aged 5-16 for the period 2021 -2022.

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 **For the Executive Member to agree the Education Transport Policy Statement 2020/21, for Bracknell Forest Children aged 5-16.**

**3 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 To ensure compliance with statutory requirements to publish a compliant travel policy for children aged 5-16.
- 3.2 There are no changes to the policy from the last academic year apart from amendments to aid clarity.

**4 Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 No alternative option was considered.

**5 Supporting Information**

- 5.1 Local Authorities are required to publish transport statements each year setting out the travel arrangements they will make to support eligible children of compulsory school age.
- 5.2 In 2019 the DfE consulted on revised statutory guidance for local authorities on home to school travel and transport for children of compulsory school age (5-16). The revised guidance was expected to be published in early 2020; however, this has been postponed due to COVID 19. This policy therefore continues to follow home to school travel and statutory guidance dated July 2014. The main body of the policy has no significant changes apart from ensuring clarity on certain points. The revised policy is at Appendix A for approval.
- 5.3 The Education Travel Policy for Post 16 students is published separately.
- Financial Implications
- 5.4 This policy does not have any financial implications as eligibility criteria for free education transport remains the same.

## 6 Consultation and Other Considerations

### Legal Advice

6.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed within the report.

### Financial Advice

6.2 There are no financial implications for this policy as the eligibility criteria for free education transport remains the same

### Other Consultation Responses

6.3 As there are no substantive changes there is no requirement to consult on the policy.

### Equalities Impact Assessment

6.4 Equality Impact Assessment attached at Annex 2 of this report.

### Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.5 There are no strategic risk management issues related to this policy.

### Background Papers

DfE Home to school travel and transport guidance – July 2014

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