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Dear parents and carers

### **Funded Transport Guidance for Year 7 Applications**

A number of Barrow parents have recently raised questions with me about school transport to both County High School and King Edward's School from next year. In response to this, I have gathered some information from the Admissions and School Travel Team at Suffolk County Council which I hope will be helpful to you.

Every child has a nearest suitable school based on their home address and it is important that you use the [nearest school checker](#) to find or confirm the nearest schools to your child's home address for school travel purposes. Our understanding is, however, that free transport will be provided for children who live in Barrow, free transport will be provided to King Edward's School or to County High School for applications made relating to Year 7 places in 2024.

The following additional information has been supplied by admissions regarding applications to County High School:

We will continue to apply the exceptional published school travel arrangements to assess eligibility for SCC funded school travel for the 2024/2025 school year for current Year 6 pupils transferring to County High School.

This means that if the County High Lower School site, Oliver Road, is the nearest suitable school to a child's home and they live more than three miles from that school, we would provide SCC funded school travel to the Upper School site, Beeton's Way, from September 2024 as long as the upper school site is more than 3 miles from their home. These pupils would retain any SCC funded school travel eligibility throughout their time at County High School, unless they move house or change schools in which case eligibility would be reassessed.

However, if the decision is made to close the Oliver Road site from September 2024, we would withdraw the exceptional arrangements for any new pupils starting at County High School from September 2025. Arrangements for the 2025/2026 school year will be published by 12 September 2024 and would not include the lower school site on the Nearest School Checker.

I hope this information is helpful. Please do come and speak to me if you would like any further clarification.

Kind regards

Helen Ashe  
Headteacher