## 2018-19 Important information

POST-16 PUPILS URGED TO APPLY FOR SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT

FAO: Year 11 pupils who want to go into the sixth form, Year 12 students intending to continue into Year 13.

From: Northamptonshire Highways

Pupils who are considering going into post-16 education in September 2018 and who need transport are being encouraged by Northamptonshire County Council to apply as soon as possible once the process opens on May 1 at 9.30am.

This year for the first time the entire application process can be done online with an option for direct debit, making it easier for payments to be made.

Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure they receive their pass in time for the start of the new school year.

Year 11 pupils who want to go into the sixth form need to apply for passes as do Year 12 students intending to continue into Year 13.

Cllr Ian Morris, county council cabinet member for transport, highways and environment, said: "Moving the application process online makes it much simpler for people to apply for their passes and easier to make a payment.

"I would encourage students to apply early as applications received by 31st May will be planned and procured in time for the new academic year."

Applications received after the 31st May cannot be guaranteed and are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and subject to available seating capacity.

Passes are available to pupils who are in full-time education, who reach their 16th birthday before September 1 and who live more than three miles walking distance from their designated or nearest school.

Passes cost £600 for the whole school year and applicants will be asked to make a deposit when they apply.

Some pupils may qualify for a discounted price and should refer to the guidance notes on the website for details.

For more information go to http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schooltransport