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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Transport to Millom School Sixth Form, 2020/2021, Post-16 Students**

Due to changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy 2014/15 made by Cumbria County Council, I am writing to tell you that we are currently negotiating transport arrangements for Post-16 students who live within the Millom School catchment area but who may need assistance with their travel arrangements for the academic year 2020-2021.

**This letter should be read in conjunction with Cumbria County Council's information sheet for parents regarding school and college transport 2020~2021 academic year, which is available from their website [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk).**

With effect from September 2014 students commencing Post-16 education do not receive funding for travel assistance from the County Council. However, Cumbria County Council is continuing to provide free transport for Post-16 students when they are from a 'low income' family and for qualifying students with a learning difficulty and/or disability.

If you do not fall into the above category, Millom School is in a position to liaise with Cumbria County Council on your behalf to look at the possibility of reserving spare seat capacity on some of the Cumbria County Council bus routes to school. **Spare seats cannot be guaranteed at this stage and might not be confirmed until during the Autumn Term 2020, therefore it is important that you also plan alternative transport arrangements.**

Where available, spare seats will be offered to Post-16 students at a charge of £430 per seat per year for the 2020/2021 academic year, this equates to approximately £2.26 per day, as identified by Cumbria LA. This is payable to **Millom School** at the start of the Academic Year 2020 at which point a valid bus pass will be issued.

If you prefer to pay in smaller instalments please indicate on your application form. A monthly payment plan will be available via ParentPay, a secure, online payments system. The instalments will be as follows: 10 x monthly payments of £44.50 starting in September 2020.

No refund will be given in the event of you cancelling the seat. A full term's notice should be given if you need to cancel a seat, please contact the school in writing. Please note that a "spare" seat can be re-called by Cumbria County Council in the event of an entitled student requiring a seat during the school year. A refund will be offered in these circumstances.

Seats will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

If you wish to reserve your child a seat, a new application form is required for each new academic year. Can you please complete both sides of the enclosed application form, sign and return it to the School Finance Office no later than **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**.

Should you have any queries about transport, please feel free contact me via the following e-mail address: [stphilip@millom.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:stphilip@millom.cumbria.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely



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