

Cambridgeshire County Council statement of entitlement to free home to school/college transport for children and young people living in Gamlingay, Everton Heath, East Hatley, Hatley St George and Tetworth effective from 1 September 2017

With effect from September 2017 Comberton Village College will be recognised by the Council as the designated secondary school for Cambridgeshire children living in the Gamlingay catchment area (defined above) for those children transferring into Year 7. Those children will be entitled to free transport as will those children transferring into Year 7 in future years.

The Council has made a commitment to provide free transport to support the transition from the current three-tier pattern of educational provision where children transfer to Stratton Upper School at the end of Year 8 to a two-tier pattern of educational provision where children transfer to Comberton Village College at the end of Year 6. Free transport will be provided, therefore, between 1 September 2017 and 31 July 2020 for Cambridgeshire children living in the Gamlingay catchment area and currently attending either Gamlingay First School or Gamlingay Village College. This applies only to children in the cohorts identified below and does not extend to siblings:

- Current Year 7 pupils (i.e. Year 8 in September 2017) who transfer to their nearest Central Bedfordshire middle school, which in most cases will be Potton and subsequently transfer to Stratton Upper School to complete their secondary education.
- Current Year 6 pupils (i.e. Year 7 in September 2017) who either transfer to Comberton Village College as the designated secondary catchment school, or to their nearest Central Bedfordshire middle school, which in most cases will be Potton and subsequently transfer to Stratton Upper School to complete their secondary education.
- Current Year 5 pupils (i.e. Year 6 in September 2017) who transfer to their nearest Central Bedfordshire middle school, which in most cases will be Potton and who then transfer to Stratton Upper School to complete their secondary education. Should any of those children transfer to Comberton Village College in Year 7, they would be entitled to free transport to that school as the designated secondary catchment school for Gamlingay.
- Current Year 4 pupils (i.e. Year 5 in September 2017) as for Year 5 above.
- Children currently in Years 3, 2, 1 and Reception and those children admitted to Reception in September 2017 and in future years will be entitled to free transport to Comberton Village as the designated secondary catchment school.

Beyond 2020 the Council will honour the free transport arrangements to allow Cambridgeshire children living in the Gamlingay catchment area to complete their education at Stratton Upper if they have chosen to proceed through the three tier

system. Our calculation is that this commitment will be fulfilled by the end of the academic year 2023/24 when the current year 4 pupils complete year 11.

Older children from Gamlingay (those currently in Years 8 and above) who are already on roll at Comberton Village will not be entitled to free transport as their admission was the result of parental preference which pre-dated the Council's decision to recognise Comberton as the secondary catchment school for Gamlingay effective from 1 September 2017.