



Alameda Middle School

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We have been asked by Central Bedfordshire CC to share with you the following information:-

SEND Support group

Please see this [leaflet](#) about a group for parents and carers of SEND children. No formal diagnosis is needed; it is a group providing a space where parents in a similar situation can chat to each other. For families with children age 0-12 years.

Child and Adolescent Wellbeing programme

The Child and Adolescent Wellbeing programme is now available as online webinars. This is a programme for parents/carers to get advice and strategies to support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing. Please find below the following flyers for parents/carers:

[Managing emotions and self-esteem](#) on Wednesday 10 March 2021 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am or Wednesday 24 March 2021 from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Consultation on proposed changes to school and college travel support

Central Bedfordshire Council is inviting parents to have their say on proposed changes to its home to school and college travel assistance policies, which outline who is eligible for free or discounted travel to school and college

Please can you share the following information on your websites and in your parent-facing communications:

Central Bedfordshire Council is asking parents and carers for their views on proposed changes to its home to school and college travel assistance policies, which outline who is eligible for free or discounted travel to school and college.

In certain circumstances, the Council provides support with home to school and college transport to school pupils aged 5-16, and students attending post-16 education. The Council is proposing changes after parents, carers and professionals fed back about the existing policies during engagement sessions to review the policies.

It has launched a twelve-week public consultation to secure feedback on the proposed changes from the wider public. The Council is proposing to:

Update its policy for children aged 5-16 to extend the eligibility criteria to cover more groups of children. This will include support for those in joint custody arrangements, and children with special educational needs.

Update the policy for 16-19 year-olds so that it is clearer for parents to understand, with the eligibility criteria remaining the same

Create a policy document outlining the clear eligibility criteria for parents and young people over the age of 19

The consultation runs until Thursday 22 April and further information, including access to the survey, is available [here](#).

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Training and events

SENDIASS Teach Me Workshops for young people

The [SENDIASS 'Teach Me' workshops](#) will build on the work that schools and colleges already do with young people. They are opportunities for young people to learn more about the SEND processes that they could be involved in, in an environment where they can ask questions, enhance their understanding, and feel more prepared for their educational / SEND journey, knowing what to expect. The 'Teach Me' workshops will give young people all of the information that they need in relation to SEND processes, so that they are able to make their own informed decisions about their futures – empowering them to use their voice!