



# Parent/Carer Planning for College Support guide



## Where to find information

Some young people will already have a clear idea of what they want to do, where and when. Some may need more support to know what is available before deciding.

Your schools' career advisor and SENCO will be able to help you know what level of course to look for and the college can help also.

Talking with your son /daughter about what they want to achieve is also important:

- Developing independence
- Gaining skills for employment
- Beginning to train towards a particular job or career
- Aiming to gain more academic qualifications.

### **Connexions**

Connexions advisors are available to talk to in person or over the phone and can support you through the application process. They can give you impartial advice.

### **Leicester Local Offer**

Further information is available on this website about all provision available.

### **Check Entry criteria**

Courses will have different requirements. Make sure the courses you choose match the young persons ability, aspirations and qualifications.

### **School visits**

Various schools and colleges will support this process with parent and carer information events, school links to the college and virtual assemblies.

## Visiting colleges

It's always good to visit a college/training provider you are considering.

Most have open days or evenings. You can find out about them on the college's training providers website or ring the main reception and we can book a bespoke visit for you.

## Applications

- |   |
|---|
| 1. As soon as you know what course you would like to fill in an application form – Gateway College or School Electronic PS16. |
| 2. Apply as soon as possible – some courses fill up quickly.  |
| 3. Also think about transport – how can you travel?   |

## EHCP

If the young person has an EHCP plan you will be asked to make a preference of colleges which may be named in your EHCP.

Once the Local authority has received this information, they will contact the provider and a consultation will take place. You can still change your mind later – just let the LA know.

Once the LA has your views and the consultation document – they will send you the final EHCP. This will confirm the name of your provider.

## Transition support

When the young person is moving from school to college – there will be lots of questions and things to know.

You will be asked to come into college and attend a more formal interview to discuss support, care and course choice.

The young person will be invited in for a transition support day in June which will cover:

- Timetable
- Tour of college
- Opportunities to meet staff
- Opportunities to meet other students'
- Have lunch in the canteen
- Have some fun!

Extra visits and support can be provide if needed.

The young person will also be given the transition guide booklet and some welcome to LLW activities.

During the summer you will receive a enrolment appointment to attend with your results, record of achievement and you will be able to have a face to face enrolment appointment with your new college tutor.