

11. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS POST 16

IN SCHOOL

Many children with Special Educational Needs stay on at school or college to continue their education. The Statement is always maintained for those continuing their education at Special School up to the age of 19. Two of the LA's Special Schools provide for pupils up to the age of 19 linking appropriately with neighbouring colleges. (See "**Specialist Provision in South Gloucestershire**").

There are courses for students with learning difficulties in South Gloucestershire Further Education Colleges. The colleges also provide support to students with Special Educational Needs on mainstream courses.

All Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils and their parents have access to a Careers Adviser, who will provide advice and information on a range of options available for school leavers. The local career service in South Gloucestershire is provided by Connexions* (see below). Careers Advisers work closely with parents and pupils in the decision making process. Parents and students are encouraged to participate fully in any decisions made regarding further education.

IN COLLEGE

The LA can maintain statements for young people over 16 if they stay in school, but not if they transfer to a further education college. However, if you and your son or daughter agrees, the Statement can be passed to the College of Further education where staff might find the information useful.

Is there any help with transport?

South Gloucestershire LA's policy (see below) on transport states:

"We will not normally provide transport for pupils or students over statutory school age. However, transport may be provided for students in the 16-19 age group with defined Special Educational Needs who attend their nearest appropriate school or college (as determined by the LA). Students wishing to apply for such transport should contact their school or college"

* Connexions Service can be contacted at 28-30, Gloucester Road North, Filton, South Gloucestershire Tel (0117 969 8101) and 21-23, High Street, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire BS15 4AA Tel 0117 961 2760

** The policy can be found in the "Admission to Schools in South Gloucestershire-Information for Parents" booklet obtainable (Free) from Children and Young People Information Service on (01454 868008, Email: cis@southglos.gov.uk. Apply on-line at www.southglos.gov.uk and go to transport.