



Thinking about Money and Post-16 Choices...

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The Source—Managing your Money

Check this link for The Source’s money management page. This includes tips and advice about things like budgeting, credit and debit cards, savings and much more!

The Source also has lots of helpful general information for young people in Suffolk.

Help with Travel

Need some help planning your journey to education, training or work? Suffolk On Board has you covered! Follow this link to their Journey Planner.

Also check out the Endeavour Card, it’s a smartcard for 16-19s that offers savings with participating bus services. It is topped up and then used for cashless payments.

(For a full picture of Suffolk’s Post-16 Travel Policy, including provision for SEND, please follow this link: www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/policies)



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National Minimum Wage

After you reach school leaving age, you should be paid a minimum wage for any work you do. This is based on your age and whether you’re working as an apprentice.

Follow this link to see the minimum amount you should be getting paid.

16 to 19 Bursary Fund

A bursary is a fund which can help pay for things like clothes, books, travel and food when you are studying on a full-time course. Check with your education provider as they each deliver the bursary in slightly different ways.

Check out this link for an overview of the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund.



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National Insurance Number

Normally, you should receive your National Insurance number shortly before your 16th birthday. This is needed for things like work. Check this link for more information, how to apply for a card or to find out what to do if you have lost yours.

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Child Benefit for 16-18 Years Olds



After completing compulsory education, parents/guardians can usually only claim Child Benefit if their young person moves onto an approved education or training course. Follow the link for more details, what to do if your circumstances change or to make a claim.

If a young person leaves their course early, parents/guardians can usually claim extended child benefit for 20 weeks from the date of exit.

Universal Credit

If you are 18+ and unemployed, or on a low income/cannot work, you should be able to claim Universal Credit. A few 16-17 year olds are also entitled to this.

See the link for more information and how to apply.



PIP (Personal Independence Payment)



If you are 16+ and have a long-term health condition or disability which affects your day-to-day life, you may be entitled to PIP. Follow the link for details about what this includes and how to claim.

Carer's Allowance

There are financial and support services available for people who care for others, whether this is parents/guardians or young people.

Check out this government site for further information on support for young carers.



Access to Apprenticeships



Access to Apprenticeships is a grant of up to £1000 for Suffolk employers. This is to support their apprentices with things like travel costs and additional equipment.

Check this link for information and contact details.

Access to Work Grant Scheme

If you have a disability and are employed, you may be entitled to the Access to Work grant; this supports you with getting to and being at work. You will need to ask your employer to apply for this.

Follow this link from the Scope disability charity to find out more.

