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Dear Sir/Madam

Following discussions with the Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex, First Essex Buses will be revising the pricing mechanism for students' termly tickets purchased through the consortium's office, starting from the beginning of the Spring 2016 term.

We will be introducing two pricing scales; for students attending years 7 to 11 inclusive, an 'under 16' rate will apply, whilst for students attending years 12 and 13, an 'over 16' rate will apply. These rates reflect the commercial rates that we now charge for longer term tickets on our local bus services.

Compared to the fares charged during the 2014-15 academic year, the new 'under 16' rates represent an overall reduction in price, whilst the 'over 16' rates are either frozen, slightly increased or slightly decreased compared to the 2014-15 rates, dependant on the journey made.

The tickets issued for use on our services will now be on a zonal basis, which will enable students to make a journey anywhere within the prescribed zone, rather than a defined point to point journey. Furthermore, these tickets will enable students to make use of their tickets at seven days per week.

The CSSE office will be closed between 24<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November, so if you have any queries regarding this new arrangement, please contact First Essex on 01245 293402 or 293447

Yours Sincerely



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