

Deal means children can get into museums for free

Children in Norfolk are to be given the chance to get into the county's museums for free.

Youngsters who sign up to a special scheme will be able to get into museums, such as Norwich Castle, Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse and Great Yarmouth's Time and Tide

Museum without paying an admission charge.

Norfolk County Council's museum bosses have agreed the deal with a national organisation called The Children's University.

It will mean children aged five to 14 who sign up for a 'passport' - which costs £8 - can then make

free repeat visits to county council museums.

Those 'passports' have previously been available through schools (which pay for pupils to have them) and through libraries, but will, in future, also be issued at museums themselves.

The controlling Labour/

Liberal Democrat cabinet agreed to the move at a council meeting yesterday.

Norfolk County Council leader George Nobbs said: "This will mean every child who wants to will be able, through this brilliant scheme, to visit Norfolk's museums for free."