

## CONSULTATION RESPONSES RE: HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY 2013/2014

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1	<b>General</b>	<b>From:</b> Parent receiving transport More than satisfied with the service they get.	
2	<b>General</b>	<b>From:</b> Parent receiving transport No complaints child with SEN travels to school by Train daily	
3	<b>General</b>	<b>From:</b> Parent receiving transport No complaints	
4	<b>General</b>	<b>From:</b> Parent receiving transport Found the transport provisions to be excellent	
5	<b>2.1.11 Nature of Routes to School</b>	<b>From:</b> Parent receiving transport Considers it dangerous to walk route from house to Englefield school and Theale school states there is no path way.	Pupil currently receives transport. The on going Home to School Transport Review recommends a review of routes for safety. Investigation and appropriate risk assessments for to be requested from Road Safety and Countryside Environment officers for use by Education Transport when assessing eligibility for free transport.

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6	<b>2.1.7 Suitable school</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Church Reverend</p> <p>Response considers that as more children who live in Ashampstead are choosing to go to Yattendon C ofE School, that more should be approved for free transport and suggests that this should be done by changing the catchment area school for the area</p>	<p>The Suitable School for the purposes of assessing eligibility is considered to be the West Berkshire transport catchment area school, NOT the catchment area school as defined for admission purposes. The transport catchment area for Yattendon C ofE school has been defined in the same way as that of other VA schools. The children in Ashampstead are not in a different position from others.</p>
7	<b>2.1.7 Suitable school</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Parents from Ashampstead (nine parents)</p> <p>The text is identical to the Reverend</p> <p>Response considers that as more children who live in Ashampstead are choosing to go to Yattendon C ofE School, that more should be approved for free transport and suggests that this should be done by changing the catchment area school for the area</p>	<p>The Suitable School for the purposes of assessing eligibility is considered to be the West Berkshire transport catchment area school, NOT the catchment area school as defined for admission purposes. The transport catchment area for Yattendon C ofE school has been defined in the same way as that of other VA schools. The children in Ashampstead are not in a different position from others.</p>
8	<b>Post 16</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Parent of pupil moving to 6<sup>th</sup> form</p> <p>Stating that transport for post 16 will be free because of the staying on at school government proposal, raising the participation age.</p>	<p>Explained that there has not been any change in legislation regarding post 16 transport because of raising the participation age. Free transport is still only available to children of compulsory school age and that is up to 16 years in current legislation.</p>
9	<b>Post 16</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Generally commenting they think the costs are too high especially taking the Band C and they believe that the scheme penalises rural children because it uses radial distances.</p>	<p>The Fare paying scheme is a concession scheme for pupils who are within walking distance or could go to their suitable school but have chosen not to do so. The Review considered commercial prices and ensured that West Berkshire places remain competitive. Prices will be determined in March 2013.</p>

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10	<b>4.1. Fare Paying Scheme</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Parent</p> <p>Comments that for fare paying all applicants should be given a seat of irrespective of catchment areas and whether or not pupils are attending their nearest school.</p>	<p>Misunderstanding of the fact that Fare-paying is a scheme to maximise use of seats which are not immediately filled by pupils who are entitled to free transport and that the takers are pupils who are within walking distance of their suitable school or their parents have chosen not to go to the suitable school and therefore are not entitled to free transport. Every child who is entitled to free transport is provided a seat after eligibility is established.</p>
11	<b>4.1. Fare Paying Scheme</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Parent not on Fare paying or receiving transport.</p> <p>Comment that they feel fares should only increase in line with inflation for fair access. They are worried they think a rise over £1000.</p>	<p>The Fare-paying scheme is a concession scheme. It could not limit fair access as the pupils who access it are within walking distance or could go to their suitable school but have chosen not to do that. Increases have been in line with inflation. Prices will be determined in March 2013.</p>
12	<b>4.1 Fare Paying Scheme</b>	<p><b>From:</b> Councillor Macro</p> <p>Comment that "all possible is done to reduce the anticipated increase in the fares for children using the "fare-paying scheme" as many household budgets are already extremely stretched."</p>	<p>Prices will be determined in March 2013.</p>