

Letter Responses

Home to School Transport

Whilst Governors acknowledge that the Local Authority is experiencing significant financial pressures, we have major concerns over the proposed changes to Home to School Transport arrangements which West Berkshire Council is introducing from September 2015. Whilst the budget for Home to School Transport is held by the Local Authority, Governors have a duty of care for the safeguarding, safety and well being of students accessing both the Alternative Curriculum and Reintegration Services.

Governors share the concerns of both Headteachers that these changes are being introduced for the most vulnerable of children and young people within West Berkshire, without the opportunity to undertake a full risk assessment of the increased potential dangers they present for our students.

Both the ACS and RS play a vital role in safeguarding its students and the current system of taxis to and from the unit's, means that they are able to track students whereabouts and to ensure as far as possible that they are safe.