



School Organisation & Place Planning

Parents / Carers of Bradford pupils

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ENTITLEMENT WITHIN BRADFORD COUNCIL'S SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY

Bradford Council is considering a number of possible changes to entitlement within its School Transport Policy. The Council has a responsibility to review transport provision and therefore a District wide Consultation is being carried out on the proposed changes to transport entitlement as set out below.

The Consultation begins on 6th January and ends at noon on 13th February 2014.

Proposed change:

The removal of assistance for pre-statutory school age children from age 2 to 5 undergoing statutory assessment for a statement of special educational needs, or who already have a statement and who's special needs require the provision of transport.

Proposed change:

The removal of assistance awarded on the grounds of religion or belief grounds or lack of religion or belief where the qualifying school is over the statutory walking distances and it is the nearest available school that matches the religion of school applied for.

Proposed change:

The removal of assistance where parents move house and choose to keep their child at their original school, provided that the school is more than the qualifying distance away from the new address and that:

the pupil is in his/her last year at the school; or

the pupil has started an external examination course before the move took place, and in the opinion of the Headteacher it would be detrimental for the pupil to change schools.

Proposed change:

The removal of assistance where children that attend a Pupil Referral Unit, Primary Behaviour Unit or the TRACKS Unit when attending on permanent exclusion, preventative placement, or by allocation will be entitled to free travel assistance irrespective of the distance criteria.

Proposed change:

The removal of assistance where a pupil attends a school which is beyond the statutory walking distance from their home measured by the shortest available walking route and which is also the nearest school to their home measured by a straight line even if there is a nearer available school measured by the shortest available walking route.

Any change to the existing Transport Policy will be published in 2014, in time for parents of children applying for a school place.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views for consideration, The Diocesan Authorities, Muslim Association, Elected Members, Head Teachers, Governors of all schools and other groups across the District have been informed of the proposals and their comments are invited as part of the Consultation process.

Any parent wishing to express a view or comment on the proposals should if able read the associated consultation documents and complete the online questionnaire available at www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/Consultations or write to me at the above address before noon on 13th February 2014.

For those parents without access to the internet information can be found on the parent notice board at your child's school.

Yours faithfully



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