

Dear Parent/Guardian

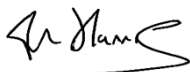
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I am writing to you about the council's review of its policy on providing assistance with travel to school.

As you know, your child is due to start secondary school in September 2016 and you will now be thinking about applying for a secondary school place. The closing date for the return of your application is 31 October 2015, but before that date the council is due to make decisions about changes to the eligibility rules for assistance with travel to school. This means that the rules that were in place for those children starting secondary school in September 2015 are likely to change and that further limitations are likely to be imposed meaning that fewer children than before will get help with travel to school.

I appreciate that this news will give rise to some uncertainty, particularly since any changes are unlikely to be announced until after you have made your preferences for a secondary school place. Our advice is that you should not make any assumptions about the extent of the council's ability to provide assistance with travel to school when making your preferences.

Yours faithfully



Roger Harris

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