

Home to School Transport Consultation Headline Results 23.02.10

Valid % = percentage based on the number of respondents who gave a valid answer to the question, excluding those who responded Don't know.

Where cross tabulated results are provided, percentages are based on the total number of respondents who indicated their interest in this consultation as per the options provided in Q2. Please note respondents were able to pick more than one option as their interest in this consultation.

Caution must be taken when looking at cross tabulated results by interest types due to small numbers of responses for some interest types. Only 8 people responded as an employee or governor of denominational school and only 3 people responded as an employee or governor of a special school.

Total number of responses	313
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Q2. Please indicate your interest in this consultation

	Frequency	%
Parent of a child at a mainstream school	107	34
Parent of a child at a denominational school	97	31
Parent of a child at a special school	56	18
Employee or Governor of a mainstream school	23	7
Employee or Governor of a denominational school	8	3
Employee or Governor of a special school	3	1
Other	32	10

Other types of interest specified are provided in a separate worksheet in verbatim

Q3 If you are a parent, do any of your children currently receive free transport to and from School?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Yes	210	67	76
No	67	21	24
Total	277	88	100
Missing	36	12	
Total	313	100	

Proposal 1 - Road Safety Criteria

The Council proposes to start the re-assessment of routes on road safety grounds from 1 April 2010. These re-assessments may result in changes to current entitlement to free transport on road safety grounds.

Q4Do you agree or disagree with proposal 1?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Agree	160	51	63
Disagree	94	30	37
Total	254	81	100
Missing	17	5	
Don't know	42	13	
Total	313	100	

Q4Do you agree or disagree with proposal 1?

		Agree	Disagree
Parent of a child at a mainstream school	Count	56	33
	%	52%	31%
Parent of a child at a special school	Count	24	17
	%	43%	30%
Parent of a child at a denominational school	Count	44	39
	%	45%	40%
Employee or Governor of a mainstream school	Count	21	2
	%	91%	9%
Employee or Governor of a special school	Count	2	1
	%	67%	33%
Employee or Governor of a denominational school	Count	7	1
	%	88%	13%

Proposal 2 - Denominational Transport

The Council proposes to end the provision of transport to denominational schools with effect from 1 September 2010. This proposal does not affect the entitlement to transport for families with a low income as set out in the consultation document.

Q6 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 2?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	104	33	39
Disagree	164	52	61
Total	268	86	100
Missing	10	3	
Don't know	35	11	
Total	313	100	

Q6 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 2?

		Agree	Disagree
Parent of a child at a mainstream school	Count	52	39
	%	49%	36%
Parent of a child at a special school	Count	26	10
	%	46%	18%
Parent of a child at a denominational school	Count	7	87
	%	7%	90%
Employee or Governor of a mainstream school	Count	17	5
	%	74%	22%
Employee or Governor of a special school	Count	2	1
	%	67%	33%
Employee or Governor of a denominational school	Count		8
	%		100%

Proposal 3 - Permanently Excluded Pupils

The Council proposes to provide transport based on distance criteria, with all requests for transport inside the distance criteria referred to the Director or nominee for consideration against criteria which will be agreed with the School Forum on an annual basis.

Q8 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 3?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	134	43	60
Disagree	91	29	40
Total	225	72	100
Missing	23	7	
Don't know	65	21	
Total	313	100	

Proposal 4 - Medical Needs

The Council proposes to continue with existing arrangements where transport is requested for a child to attend their catchment or nearest school and the need is endorsed by a child's GP or Consultant.

Q10 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 4?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	251	80	93
Disagree	18	6	7
Total	269	86	100
Missing	19	6	
Don't know	25	8	
Total	313	100	

Proposal 5 - Pupils in Year 10 and 11

The Council proposes that where a child in years 10 and 11 has to move in exceptional circumstances to a new address in Central Bedfordshire they will be provided with transport from their new address to their previous school, as long as they have completed at least one term in year 10 at their previous school.

Q12 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 5?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	199	64	80
Disagree	50	16	20
Total	249	80	100
Missing	20	6	
Don't know	44	14	
Total	313	100	

Proposal 6 - Looked After Children, Refugees and Asylum Seekers

The Council proposes that Looked After Children and Refugees and Asylum Seekers are supported to attend schools that best meet their needs. This may mean that transport will be provided to schools where the distance criteria are not met.

Q14 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 6?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	124	40	53
Disagree	110	35	47
Total	234	75	100
Missing	21	7	
Don't know	58	19	
Total	313	100	

Proposal 7 - Special Educational Needs

For those children who live more than the statutory distance between home and the nearest school that can meet their needs, transport will be provided. For those children who live within the statutory distance their Assessment will include consideration of whether, with parental support, a child could reasonably be expected to walk to school. Where this is not possible the need for transport will be provided free of charge. Entitlement will be reviewed annually.

Q16 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 7?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	219	70	84
Disagree	43	14	16
Total	262	84	100
Missing	19	6	
Don't know	32	10	
Total	313	100	

Q16 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 7?

		Agree	Disagree
Parent of a child at a mainstream school	Count	82	11
	%	77%	10%
Parent of a child at a special school	Count	30	19
	%	54%	34%
Parent of a child at a denominational school	Count	68	11
	%	70%	11%
Employee or Governor of a mainstream school	Count	19	2
	%	83%	9%
Employee or Governor of a special school	Count	2	1
	%	67%	33%
Employee or Governor of a denominational school	Count	7	1
	%	88%	13%

Proposal 8 - Concessionary Places on School Contract Vehicles

The benefits taken into account when assessing whether free transport will be provided will be the same as those for families with a low income.

Q18 Do you agree or disagree with proposal 8?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Agree	156	50	70
Disagree	66	21	30
Total	222	71	100
Missing	30	10	
Don't know	61	19	
Total	313	100	

Respondents profile

Q20 Are you male or female?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Female	210	67	71
Male	85	27	29
Total	295	94	100
Missing	18	6	
Total	313	100	

Q21 What is your age?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Under 16 yrs	3	1	1
20-29 yrs	6	2	2
30-44 yrs	127	41	43
30-44yrs	25	8	8
45-59 yrs	119	38	40
60-64 yrs	9	3	3
65-74 yrs	5	2	2
75+	1	0	0
Total	295	94	100
Missing	18	6	
Total	313	100	

Q22 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Yes	16	5	6
No	273	87	94
Total	289	92	100
Missing	24	8	
Total	313	100	

Q23 To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
White British	262	84	93
Asian or Asian British	5	2	2
Mixed	4	1	1
Black or Black British	2	1	1
Other	10	3	4
Total	283	90	100
Missing	30	10	
Total	313	100	

Q23a. Other ethnicity specified (verbatim comments)

White European (why is this not a recognised group?)

Brazilian

Q24What is your religion or belief?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Christian	213	68	76
No religion	47	15	17
Hindu	3	1	1
Jewish	2	1	1
Buddhist	1	0	0
Other	16	5	6
Total	282	90	100
Missing	31	10	
Total	313	100	

Q24a. Other religion specified (verbatim comments)

Methodist church

Roman Catholic

Roman Catholic

Roman Catholic

Q25Does your child have a disability?

	Frequency	%	Valid %
Yes	66	21	23
No	217	69	77
Total	283	90	100
Missing	30	10	
Total	313	100	