



# Home to School Transport Policy for Central Bedfordshire

**Q1** Your name (optional): .....

**Q2** Please indicate your interest in this consultation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child at a mainstream school     | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee or Governor of a mainstream school     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child at a special school        | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee or Governor of a special school        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child at a denominational school | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee or Governor of a denominational school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below)                 |  |
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**Q3** If you are a parent, do any of your children currently receive free transport to and from School?  
 Yes  No

Please read the proposals outlined in the consultation document before answering the next questions.  
Please attach more paper if required.

## 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.

**Q4** Do you agree or disagree with proposal 1?  
 Agree  Disagree  Don't know

**Q5** Do you have any comments to make about proposal 1?

**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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q7 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 2?**

**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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q9 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 3?**

**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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q11 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 4?**

**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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q13 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 5?**

**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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q15 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 6?**

**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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q17 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 7?**

## **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?**

Agree

Disagree

Don't know

**Q19 Do you have any comments to make about proposal 8?**

## **About You**

**The following information will help us when considering your opinions and will ensure that we are getting the views of all members of the community. The answers will not be used to identify any individual.**

**Q20 Are you male or female?**

Male

Female

**Q21 What is your age?**

Under 16 yrs

20-29 yrs

45-59 yrs

65-74 yrs

16-19 yrs

30-44 yrs

60-64 yrs

75+

**Q22 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?**

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Yes

No

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

White British

Mixed

Black or Black British

Chinese

Asian or Asian British

Other (please specify below)

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**Q24 What is your religion or belief?**

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

No religion

Other (please specify below)

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**Q25 Does your child have a disability?**

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Yes

No

**Thank you for your response**

**Please return your response form by 12th February 2010 to**

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