

Maria Pires

Your ref:

Our ref: DL/EX090310

Date: 11 March 2010

Dear Ms Pires

Consideration of Petition seeking the continuation of School Buses for Children going to a Faith School in Central Bedfordshire

I am writing to you as the organiser of the above petition relating to the continuation of School Buses for children going to a Faith School in Central Bedfordshire to advise you of the outcome of its consideration by the Council's Executive held on 9 March 2010.

The Executive considered the petition as part of its overall deliberations on the Portfolio Holder for Children's Service's report to the Executive proposing a Home to Transport Policy for Central Bedfordshire Council.

Having considered the report and evidence put forward the Executive has agreed to adopt the Home to School Transport Policy, as set out in Appendix A to the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services report to the Executive, including ending provision of free transport to denominational schools, with effect from 1 September 2010.

The Executive is conscious that this decision may cause difficulties for certain families and as such officers in the Directorate of Children's Services will be meeting with the Diocesan authorities to consider the implementation side of the Home to School Transport Policy.

As the petitioner organiser you have the right to request, by giving notice in writing to the Monitoring Officer, Mrs B Morris, that the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee review the adequacy of the response to the petition.

The decision would then be forwarded to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

If I can be of any further help please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

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