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Who is eligible for home to school transport

The draft Policy suggests that changes are delivered in a phased way from September 2017. This means that, if the draft Policy is approved as final:

- Nothing would change for any primary or secondary school pupils in the Borough until September 2017.
- From September 2017 onwards, the Policy would apply to pupils seeking a primary or secondary school place.

To what extent would you agree that the Policy, once approved, should be delivered in a phased way, from September 2017 onwards?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

If you have said 'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree' above, please briefly say why in the space below:

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Implementation of School Transport Policy

To what extent would you agree that the draft Policy is clear about which pupils would be eligible for free home to school transport?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

If you have said 'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree' above, please briefly say why in the space below:

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Local authority responsibility

WHEN ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND SECTION 4 OF THE DRAFT POLICY WHICH EXPLAINS WHEN FAITH SCHOOL PUPILS WOULD HAVE EXTENDED RIGHTS.

To what extent would you agree that the Local Authority should not be responsible for the cost of home to school transport for pupils when parents choose a particular faith school on the basis of faith or belief?

(please select one answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

If you have said 'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree' in the above question, please briefly say why in the space below:

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Children looked after by the Local Authority

Section 6 of the draft Policy looks at the case of children who are taken into the care of the Local Authority.

It sets out that every effort will be made, in the interests of the child, to maintain stability in education. This means that there is a commitment to the child remaining at the school attended before being taken into the care of the Local Authority.

In such instances, home to school transport costs would be paid by the Local Authority.

To what extent would you agree with the approach set out in Section 6 of the draft Policy?

- Strongly agree*
- Agree*
- Neither agree nor disagree*
- Disagree*
- Strongly disagree*

If you have said 'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree' above, please briefly say why in the space below:

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The Appeal process

During the consultation period, the Council will be looking at national good practice for the new 'Home to School Transport Appeals Process'. This will help ensure that we have a robust and transparent process in place.

In the space below, please briefly explain any thoughts, ideas or suggestions you would like us to take into account in the new 'Home to School Transport Appeals Process'.

About you (i)

To help us understand how different stakeholders feel about the draft Policy, we would be very grateful if you would please answer as many of the following questions as you are willing to. Answers to these questions will be used to help evaluate the impact of the draft Policy.

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Which of the following would best describe you? Please tick as many options as necessary/ appropriate.

(please select all that apply)

- Primary school teacher in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Secondary school teacher in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Primary school governor in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Secondary school governor in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Representative of Multi Academy Trust operating in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Parent/ carer of a child currently attending a primary school in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Parent/ carer of a child currently attending a secondary school in Stockton-On-Tees*
- Parent/ carer of a child due to attend a primary school in Stockton-On-Tees from September 2017 onwards*
- Parent/ carer of a child due to attend a secondary school in Stockton-On-Tees from September 2017 onwards*
- Resident of Stockton-On-Tees*
- Other (e.g. a person who has a professional interest in this consultation, a person who has an indirect interest in this consultation, etc.) – PLEASE SPECIFY*

If you have answered 'other' above, please provide brief details below:

About you (ii)

Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

- 0 - 19 years*
- 20 - 29 years*
- 30 - 39 years*
- 40 - 49 years*
- 50 - 59 years*
- 60 - 64 years*
- 65+*
- Prefer not to say*

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How would you best describe your ethnicity?

- White*
- Black/Black British*
- Asian/ Asian British*
- Other ethnic group*
- Prefer not to say*

If you have ticked 'other ethnic group' above, please say what you mean by that in the space below:

About you (iii)

What is your gender?

- Male*
- Female*
- Prefer not to say*

Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability as described by the Equality Act 2010?

- Yes*
- No*
- Prefer not to say*

What is your religion/ faith/ belief?

- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)*
- Buddhist*
- Hindu*
- Jewish*
- Muslim*
- Sikh*
- Other*
- No religion at all*
- Prefer not to say*

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If you have said 'other' in the above question, please briefly say what you mean by that in the space below:

What is your home postcode?