

**Baugh, Ben**

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**Sent:** 08 January 2014 04:46  
**To:** Baugh, Ben  
**Subject:** Catchment/nearest school bus charges.

A decision that I like many others feel has been taken in haste looking at very short term cost savings. Indeed, when you start to think of the bigger picture you will realise that this is actually going to cost you far more than you are spending now. Having read the points raised by Mr Evans, Head of JMHS, I will be waiting with baited breath for the responses to each point raised.

To charge £3.75 per child per school day is a sum plucked from where?  
Will everyone pay the same fee regardless of journey time?  
Surely it would be far better to find a cheaper national supplier?  
Could you not have set route which is free & parents responsibility to get child to bus stop nearest to them. (at least they could set up rotas between selves).  
I do disagree with use of private taxis that seem to pick up certain pupils at a cost to the council.  
Please clearly define "catchment" and difference to nearest, because surely the build was to serve the area built in.  
We have a primary school in our village where approx one fifth of children are bussed in from Ledbury, because Ledbury primary school is full. Will all the nearest schools have the capacity, facilities & staff already in place for September.  
I do hope this issue can be resolved in a sensible manner, using the experience and ideas of experts.  
Personally I have no children of the age that will be affected.  
A concerned adult of reasonable intellect.

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Sent from my iPad