Baugh, Ben

From:

Sent: 09 January 2014 16:04

To: Baugh, Ben

Subject: Changes to school transport

Dear Mr Baugh,

Regarding the changes to school transport I would like to raise a few concerns, as I live on the boundary between 2 schools (Lady Hawkins and Weobley). I am not sure which is closest to me at the moment but there would only be a very small fraction of a mile between the two schools.

My eldest son currently attends the catchment school of Lady Hawkins and will be going into Yr10 in September. I have another son who will be starting this school in September this year as a Yr7. Obviously, I do not want to split them so if Weobley is going to be closer then I will have to move the one who would be due to start his GCSE's then. This I would like to avoid but I could not afford the transport costs for the younger son. Is it not possbile to phase the system in? Personally, transport costs for my children would be the roughly the same whichever school was chosen, although one on a bus to Kington and one on a bus to Weobley would incur increased costs (perhaps in these cases a school choice could be made by parents).

I would also like to point out that there have been strong links between the cluster schools over the years which have made it a lot easier for the children to acclimatise to their new school.

I look forward to awaiting the outcome and hopefully some response to my concerns raised.