

Baugh, Ben

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2014 18:28
To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: changes to schools transport policy 2014

Dear Mr Baugh,

What a dilemma you have caused me. I have spent the last 3 years looking into which school my son will attend in September 2014. After open days and induction days we decided on LHS Kington, which was also our catchment school. This was our choice due to numerous factors, some as listed below; transportation, even though he'd still have a 1/2 mile walk to the bus.

attending and enjoying induction days
where his school friends are going
where his sisters attended
familiar setting from primary school cluster events.

Having looked at the new policy, I still can not see how this would work. We are situated in a 'grey' area. Where one bus may be dropped another would be instilled. Saving what? Currently the bus to LHS collects children from a number of the surrounding villages/hamlets. Some of the children on this bus would be entitled to transport to LHS while their neighbours would not. Where is the cut off for the questionable villages such as Almeley? On a post code to postcode search my address is aprox 0.50 mile further to LHS than it is to Weobley, although, it is a shorter return from LHS due to the one way road system! I do not have a problem that my son goes to either of these school but its a mockery of our attending open days, induction days and then choosing the school of choice by Nov 2013, when you can then just change the rules and boundaries beyond that date at the expense of us that do care and try to do the best for our children.

Who decides which school my son goes to? His family, You, the school, a bus company?

Please be aware that there are flaws in the said new policy that need addressing. I urge you to consider the above factors and readdress this issue. I understand that Powys considered similar proposals but then re addressed their situation before going ahead. Why was that?

Yours sincerely

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