

Baugh, Ben

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2014 21:27
To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: Changes to Herefordshire school transport policy

Dear Mr Baugh

I am writing to express my concerns about your change in school transport policy with regard to Lady Hawkins School. I have a son in year 8 which I believe if this new policy goes ahead it will mean I am required to pay transport costs.

My concerns are as follows:

- Why introduce for years 7 and 8 when we are already committed to a school, surely this should be introduced when parents make an informed decision about secondary schools in year 6
- My son is already settled at Lady Hawkins, but I would find it very difficult to afford to pay for his transport as I am already having to pay a considerable amount for my elder son's transport to Hartpury College
- I would seriously consider moving my younger son to Weobley as this school is closer, but didn't do this in year 6 as there was no transport to Weobley, my son would also be very unsettled by the move
- Surely this is not cost effective as it would then mean transport would have to then be put on for the odd child living in my area of Broxwood to take children to Weobley, this would mean two buses running instead of one obviously this impacts on sustainability and will cost more money and more pollution
- I understand that the Council have to make efficiencies, but I don't think the impact on families and children has been taken into account on this occasion.

I hope you will take into consideration our concerns, many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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