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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2014 16:30
To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: Proposed School Bus Withdrawal

Dear Sir

I am writing to ask you to re-consider the council's decision to remove the free school bus service from the village of Cradley to JMHS in Ledbury.

I decided to send my child to JMHS as I envisaged it was for the whole of her schooling. Another consideration was that a free bus service was available from the village. If I had know at the time that the transport was to be removed I would never have made this decision and I feel the council has misled me as they offered JMHS as my first choice with free transport.

It is imperative that my mixed race, adopted child has consistency in her life as she had a very poor start and finds it difficult to make friends etc. The staff at JMHS have been amazing dealing with any racism/problems she has encountered, have supported her emotionally and she is thriving. The impact that having to move schools because of your rash decision will have on her is totally beyond my comprehension. I truly believe that it will hamper her reaching her full potential and that she is going to need considerable extra support. I am contacting the Post Adoption Team with regards to this and requesting that they provide a taxi for her each day to JMHS to avoid this happening. Ultimately it will cost Herefordshire Council a far higher amount.

This is just my issue but I know many, many other families that have their own concerns of equal importance.

I cannot belief that you expect us to move our children to a poorly performing school which is only 1 mile closer than JMHS. It beggars belief. Can you please confirm back to me exactly what saving you think this is going make? Do you have any supporting evidence? What will it mean to the affected schools? You will be taking finance away from one county and sending it into a different county.

I would appreciate a response by return.

Yours in total disbelief

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