

**Baugh, Ben**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 January 2014 16:26  
**To:** Baugh, Ben  
**Subject:** withdrawal of free secondary school transport

Dear Cllr Baugh,

I am very unhappy about the Council's decision to withdraw free school transport from September 2014. It is unjust that shortfalls in the Council's budget should be passed on to families in Herefordshire who choose to use the state school system. For the poorest families this decision will affect which school children attend, based not on educational preference but upon income. I am quite horrified that the Council should feel that saving money by denying choice of school to the most hard-pressed families is an acceptable way to trim its budgets. Once again we observe the greatest burden of cuts - the 'hard realities' which we hear about from the Chancellor - falling upon those least able to bear them - those who are the most disadvantaged in our society. This is a most disreputable decision and I hope that the Council will reverse it forthwith.

Best regards,

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