



John Colet School

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Dear Parent/Carer

If you currently get free home to school transport then it is very important that you read below.

Last term, your son/daughter will have brought home a booklet from Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) about their proposals for charging for home to school transport. Many of you may not have read it as you thought that it did not apply to you as you live in the John Colet catchment area. However it does apply to you as the proposals do not take into account catchment areas.

The new proposals looks at free home to school transport to your nearest school (not catchment school). Your nearest school could be in Herts for some Aston Clinton parents.

To see if you are possibly affected by the proposals you need to see which is your nearest school. I have copied the section below from the BCC website as to how to find out which is your nearest school.

“For a guide as to which is the nearest school, parents can visit the government’s website <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/> which gives an online calculator to help you work this out. If you do use it, you should be aware that it is based on straight line distances and that for the purpose of transport eligibility the Council uses the actual route of travel (in most cases this will make little difference to which is your closest school)”

If your nearest school is John Colet then you should not be affected by the proposals but I would suggest that you still read the schools finder is not 100% accurate.

If your nearest school is not John Colet then it is very important that you read the consultation and respond to it. The closing date is 31 January 2012.

The reason for this is that:

1. For students in Years 7 to 10, it is proposed that parents pay an administration fee of £60 plus per year per child towards their home to school transport
2. For students who are currently at primary school but it is the intention that they come to John Colet, it is proposed that parents pay £400 plus a year per child for the home to school transport

BCC have written some Frequently Asked Questions and the link to this is

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/schools/admissions/H2ST_FAQs_Consultation_Nov11_V4.pdf

The BCC website link to the consultation is

<http://bucksconsultation.buckscc.gov.uk/bucksccp/KMS/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=490>

If you wish to talk to me about this then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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