



West
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Dear Headteacher,

Travelling to School Consultation (23 April - 11 June 2025)

As headteacher, you will know the importance of good transport options, including public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling, to ensure your pupils have a safe, accessible and sustainable way of connecting to education and opportunity.

As part of our Local Transport Plan, we are working to deliver an integrated, affordable, reliable and resilient transport system that connects all parts of our region so everyone can access the places they need to live fulfilled lives, including access to education.

We are therefore undertaking a consultation to engage with the public on how we can best support travel to school, including our specific policy for the provision of dedicated bus services to secondary schools, and how younger children travel to their place of education in the future. As well as ensuring we meet legal requirements, we want to make sure support across West Yorkshire is equitable, financially sustainable and suited to the travel needs of all our communities.

This information will help us agree a new policy, which will affect the secondary school bus services we contract from September 2026 onwards. Transport for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and school bus services to primary schools are **not part of this consultation and will remain unaffected**.

We would welcome your support in encouraging parents and carers of your pupils and any other interested parties, to participate in the consultation which runs from 23 April to 11 June 2025. This is equally important if you currently have access to a school bus or not.

To help support participation, we have provided you with communications that we would like you to send to parents and carers.

All the information about our proposals can be found in our consultation brochure. To view the brochure, online survey and for more information, visit our website at **yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel**.

For any queries about this consultation or how these proposals may affect your school, please email **educationcustomerservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk** and we will ensure a colleague at the Combined Authority gets in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Taylor
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