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School Transport Consultation

Dear Parent / Carer

At the recent budget meeting, the council agreed to change the existing qualifying mileage limits for free mainstream school transport.

This means that the qualifying distance criteria for pupils requiring home-to-school transport (currently one mile for primary and two miles for secondary) would be changed to bring them into line with the majority of local authorities in Scotland.

Under the change, the council will provide transport for:

- Any primary pupil who lives more than two miles from their catchment school by the nearest acceptable walking route will be eligible for school transport. This would take place from August 2025.
- Any secondary pupil who lives more than three miles from their catchment school by the nearest acceptable walking route will be eligible for school transport. This would take place from August 2024.

This change will affect a number of our pupils. Please be aware the proposed changes do not affect home-to-school transport for children with additional support needs.

The council has a legal obligation to consult on this type of change.

Consultation

It is important that we hear the views of parents and carers so that informed decisions can be made.

The consultation will take place between 27 February 2023 and 28 April 2023 and you can respond by completing the online survey below:

[Take the survey](#)

Separate written submissions can also be accepted by letter or email until Friday 28 April 2023, when the consultation is scheduled to end.

In addition to the online survey, there will be nine drop-in sessions where parents and carers can attend and speak to officers from the council. Dates, times, booking and information about each



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drop-in session are available using this link: [School transport consultation | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Other representations submissions or queries on the proposals can be submitted by e-mailing SchoolTransportConsultation@northlan.gov.uk

Please make your views known.

Cardinal Newman High School Parent Council