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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Home to school transport**

I am writing to let you know about new regulations which may affect the provision of home to school transport for your child.

From September 2008, if your child is entitled to free school meals or your family is in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit, free transport will normally be provided for:

**Children aged over 8 and under 11 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008** attending their nearest qualifying school, provided it is more than two miles away by the shortest available walking route.

**Children aged over 11 and under 16 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008** attending one of their three nearest schools, provided it is more than 2 and less than 6 miles from home.

**Children over 11 and under 16** attending the nearest school which accords with their parents' religion or belief, provided that it is more than 2 and less than 15 miles from home.

If you think that your child might be eligible for transport under these criteria, please read the enclosed guidance notes and complete the application form (which needs to be returned by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008**, to enable us to make arrangements in time for September 2008) to:

School Transport Entitlement Team  
Customer Engagement Centre  
Bedfordshire County Council  
Cauldwell Street  
Bedford MK42 9AP  
01234 228431  
[school.transport@bedscc.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@bedscc.gov.uk)

Please contact the Team if you would like any help filling out the form or for the guidance notes/form to be translated into any other languages.

*Children who were between the ages of 8 and 11 from September 2007 may be eligible for reimbursement if they were entitled to transport under these criteria and have not yet received it. If you think this might apply to your child, please contact the School Transport Entitlement Team.*

If you have any queries about home to school transport, please contact the team on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

**Carol Wooding**  
**Head of Commissioning, Children's Transport**