



To: Parents/carers of children and young people attending schools affected by catchment area changes

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Dear Parent/Carer

Revised school catchment areas and transport arrangements

Over the last two years Moray Council has undertaken extensive statutory consultations on revising school catchment areas. This has resulted in amendments to the catchment areas of 24 schools. Some changes were quite extensive, others were very minor; however this was the first time that significant changes to catchment areas were made, in Moray, in almost forty years.

Parents/carers will have already been informed by their schools of amendments which have taken place, or those which will be made in the near future. Nevertheless, it is important to restate the position regarding enrolments and transport arrangements.

In Moray, a child or young person is entitled to free transport when he/she lives more than two miles from his/her catchment school, by the shortest reasonable walking route, or a child or young person has additional support needs and free transport is proposed through a planning and review meeting. All children, eligible for free transport will receive free transport to their zoned school. Parents/carers who choose to have their children educated at an establishment outwith their catchment school(s) will be expected to meet transport costs.

All children currently on the roll of a school when the catchment area changes will have the option of remaining at that school and continue to receive free transport, if so entitled.

All new enrolments will be on the basis of new catchment areas. Transport will only be provided, for those entitled, to the new zoned school. This includes younger siblings who have older siblings attending the previously zoned school.

If parents wish younger siblings to attend the same (previously zoned) school as older siblings they will have to make out-of-zone placing requests for younger siblings to attend a non-catchment area school. In these circumstances parents will be required to meet transport costs for these younger siblings.

Yours sincerely

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