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Dear Parents & Carers

## School Transport – Budget Proposals

I'm sure you are aware of the financial difficulties being experienced by Cardiff Council, which have been widely publicised by the Council and the media. The Council are having to make savings across the board this year amounting to some £50m.

We have just been informed that one of these proposals relates to non-statutory home to school transport. This is likely to have a large impact upon our pupils and families as a large number use the transport arranged by the Council, so I felt it was right to inform you all of this proposal in order for you to have your say as part of the budget consultation.

The proposal is to reduce the funding for transport so that the Council will only pay for and subsidise transport if pupils live more than three miles away from their secondary school. It is possible that the coach companies would continue to run the services, but this would be done on a commercial basis and would result in an increase in costs.

At the moment this proposal, if accepted by the Council, would only affect Route 635

As an example, a current ticket covering 12 journeys currently costs £9. If the route were operated on a commercial basis then depending on the uptake this could increase to as much as £36.

It is vitally important that you are able to make your opinions heard on this issue, though the consultation on the budget closes on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

In order to support you I have attached a template letter containing a response to the budget consultation. I would urge you all to complete this and return it to school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, and we will submit all letters to the Council by e-mail on your behalf to ensure they arrive on time.

Letters can be handed in to your child's form tutor or at the main reception desk.

As a school we will also be submitting a response, but in these circumstances there is strength in numbers. Even if you are not directly affected, I would strongly urge you to submit a response.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr M Clinch  
Headteacher



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