

Dear Sir or Madam

Monmouthshire County Council has reviewed its Home to School Transport Policy and is considering some changes, which if adopted would be implemented in September 2025. The Council's current policy exceeds the statutory requirements, however the cost of providing home to school transport continues to increase on an annual basis and as such we are considering aligning our provision in line with our statutory duties and other Local Authorities across Wales. The options being considered are:

- Adopting the statutory distance of 2 miles for primary aged learners who have a safe walking route and are attending their nearest suitable or catchment primary school.
- Adopting the statutory distance of 3 miles for statutory secondary learners (11 – 16 year olds) who have a safe walking route and are attending their nearest suitable or catchment secondary school
- Where we are unable to secure an external operator, or if it is the best financial option, parents/guardians will be offered a personal transport budget to transport their children to and from school.

The Council is keen to hear your views on the proposed changes and have commenced a consultation that will run until 23rd August 24. The details of the proposed options and online survey can be found at <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home-to-school-transport-consultation-2/> or alternatively if you would like a hard copy survey or if you would like the information in an alternative format please call 01633 644777 or email H2Sconsultation@monmouthshire.gov.uk.

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Kind regards

Passenger Transport Commissioning Service