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Home to Secondary School Transport Arrangements - September, 2017

Dear parent / carer,

As your child will be attending Secondary School from next September, 2017, you will now need to think about whether your child will be entitled to free school transport. The current policy states that assistance will only be considered where the pupil's home address is more than 3 miles from the **nearest suitable** Secondary School to your home. The precise measurement of this distance from the actual home address is the only fair way to determine eligibility.

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd, Wrexham, will be the nearest suitable Secondary School for all students wishing to receive their secondary education through the medium of Welsh. Any student wishing to attend Ysgol Morgan Llwyd therefore, will be entitled to free transport where they reside more than 3 miles from the school. Similarly, St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School, Wrexham, may be the nearest suitable Secondary School on grounds of Faith.

Please note that there are no Feeder School arrangements for school transport purposes

Eligibility for free Secondary School transport is determined purely by measurement from the home address to the nearest suitable Secondary School. Which Junior School your child attended previously **does not** infer any entitlement to transport to a particular Secondary School, despite any traditional or previous arrangements that may have been in place. There will be some cases for example where the distances from home addresses between two Secondary Schools is very tight and some students will be eligible for free transport to one school and others from the same Junior School and area, will be entitled to free transport to the another school. This is determined entirely by distance measurement and is not dependant on which Junior School your child previously attended.

You should consider which Secondary School your child will be entitled to free transport before you confirm your Secondary School placement with the Schools Admissions Department.

Please complete the enclosed transport request form as soon as possible and return it to the address shown to confirm whether you will be entitled to free transport and to reserve your seat if you are. You can also complete the application form and submit online by using the below link:

http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/assets/pdfs/education/school_transport/itu_prem_sec_application.pdf

Your application for school transport will then be assessed without delay and you will soon be notified whether or not you will be entitled to free transport. Please note that your transport application **must** be received well before **4th November, 2016**, which is the cut-off date by when you must apply for your secondary school place. Any transport applications received after this date will be considered as a **late application**, which may result in your child being offered an alternative option later on.

Please note that if you decide to place your child in a Secondary School which is **not the nearest suitable secondary school** to your home address, then the responsibility for arranging the transport, and the costs, will be that of the parent as this will amount to parental preference. If you are not sure which is the nearest suitable secondary school to your home address, please contact the school transport office on the details shown above for advice before you apply for your secondary school place.

Yours faithfully,

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