



November 15th, 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

You will be aware that following a meeting held with parents and carers in relation to the school transport from the Common / Trallwn / Graig area, school governors made the decision to continue with the present transport arrangements from The Common / Trallwn / Graig area to Pontypridd High for one more year until July 2018.

In making this decision, governors stated that consideration had been given for concerns about pupil wellbeing and the commitment parents and carers wanted to make towards Pontypridd High and the education experiences and standards we can deliver. Whilst this decision was made last June, it was also stated that discussions would continue this term and all possibilities would be followed up in an attempt to maintain a safe route to school for your child from September 2018.

Governors have had time to consider the outcomes of discussions held since last summer and have also been able to review school expenditure in light of a remodelled staff structure and costs of other key services. A further consideration in making this decision was the recent RCT Cabinet report on the proposed 21st Century Schools programme and the nature of school reorganisation and catchment areas that has taken place elsewhere in the Local Authority. As a consequence I am pleased to confirm that transport will continue to be provided from the Common / Trallwn / Graig area to Pontypridd High from next September, 2018. This commitment to provide transport is for a period of 3 years in the first instance and will be reviewed annually in response to any plans for reorganisation by the Local Authority that impact on our School.

I appreciate this has been a difficult time for you but trust you will acknowledge our efforts in always trying to make the best decision given all the circumstances. I am grateful for your support and look forward to moving forward together in the knowledge that a safe means of transport has been secured for your child.

Yours sincerely,

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