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Dear Mr Gray

Variations to timetables and requests to amend home to school transport assistance

I am writing to clarify the position of BCP Council regarding requests changes in transport timings from schools/academies to the Home to School Transport Team.

BCP Council provides home to school transport assistance for children and young people in accordance with the statutory minimum requirements of the Department for Education's [Home to School Travel and Transport guidance](#).

In the majority of circumstances, the transport assistance provided is to support the normal start and end of the school day for the child or young person. This means that we will be unable to agree to make changes arising from the following requests:

- Changes to journey times to support exam timetables
- Ad hoc requests for early pick-ups from school
- Changes to journey times to support breakfast or after school activities including detentions
- Ad hoc changes to addresses to pick-up and drop-off points

Where schools and academies request support for part-time timetables, these will be considered based on the individual circumstances of each case. Normally, transport assistance would be provided to support integration at a new school or a part-time timetable that is required to meet the needs of the child or young person and that timetable has been robustly developed with agreement from all parties (the family, school and other relevant professionals involved).

BCP Council is anticipating an increasing deficit in its home to school transport budget, which currently stands at £1,000,000. We appreciate working in partnership with our colleagues in schools and academies to address the deficit. If you wish to discuss concerns you have in relation to home to school transport assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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