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Mr C Ruding
Corporate Transport Unit- Passenger Services
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Dear Mr Ruding

**Consultation on proposed revisions to the current Transport Policy for
Children and Young People – Discretionary Denominational Transport.**

I write in response to the consultation on discretionary denominational transport.

I have consulted with all the Church of England schools in the Diocese of Sheffield which are maintained by Rotherham MBC regarding this matter and am advised that a number of children attending Aston CE Primary School, Lodge Lane Aston currently make use of this transport provision. They would be seriously affected by its withdrawal.

While understanding the Authority's financial position and the need for equity in transport provision, the request of the Diocese is that discretionary transport on denominational grounds is removed in a phased way eg from 2013 to 2017 as suggested. This would enable families to have a planned approach to the education of their children in the near future.

Please be in touch if further information is required

Yours sincerely

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