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| No | No | Aston All Saints - Aston | | |
| No | Yes | Aston All Saints - Aston | | |
| No | No | Other | | |
| No | No | Other | Aston Comprehensive School 11- 16 and 6th Form. | |
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| No | No | Other | Introduction of this change will create inequality, since it will mean that only those who can afford the bus fares will be able to secure places for their children in the faith school of their choice (unless they are resident within close proximity of the school). | |
| No | No | Other | | |
| No | No | Other | Please do not make it even harder for our young people to get an excellent education by restricting their options. At least a third of the pupils currently attending St Bernard's school will be affected. This is an outstanding school that these pupils would not get the chance to attend if this plan goes ahead. | |
| No | No | Other | | |
| No | No | Other | My daughter does not yet attend school but she would have progressed onto St Bernard's. If this bus pass is withdrawn she will have to go to the local school as I would not be able to afford the bus fares (4 buses in total) to send her to the school of my choice and my religion. St Bernard's school is the only school affected by this change and therefore I would have to say the council is being discriminatory against christians and catholics. | |
| Yes | No | Other | | |
| No | No | Other | I don't have children at school any longer but feel that you are being very unfair to the parents of children of the catholic faith. You are taking away a choice to give their children a faith based education as many of them coming in from the Dinnington, Kimberworth and outlying areas will not be able to afford the bus fares. Some of the children would have to catch 4 buses in a day, currently adding Â£10 per week onto a family budget when finances are stretched already, and that is on the current bus fare rates. | |
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| No | No | Other Our Lady & St. Josephs - Wath, St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Gerards - Thrybergh, St. Josephs - Dinnington , St Josephs - Rawmarsh , St Marys - Herringthorpe, St Marys - Maltby, All Saints - Sheffield , St. Bernards - Herringthorpe, St Pius - Wath | this is a needed service Withdrawing bus passes will seriously undermine the fundamental nature of Faith schools. It will deprive many Catholic children of an authentic Catholic education to the detriment not only of the children, but ultimately to local communities as well. The financial burden falling on many of the affected families would be grossly unfair and would therefore be unacceptable. stopping free travel for school children will without doubt lead to more traffic around schools, with the possibility for more accidents |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth | |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth | I feel this is a direct attack on faith based schools and takes little consideration into the impact this will have for families who live in the wider community but wish their child to attend a faith based school. It would be interesting to see how many children this will affect and the financial impact this will have on families when compared to non-faith schools, it would appear that you are intentionally discriminating against those parents whose children attend faith based schools. |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth | This proposed change to discontinue free transport assistance will almost exclusively affect children attending St. Bernard's. It is yet again an example of the council attacking the minority and will cause extreme financial difficulty for a huge number of Catholic families who will feel, quite rightly, that they are being discriminated against on the grounds of their religion. |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth | |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth | |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth | I believe this proposal to be discriminatory to Catholics and would not even be considered if it involved an ethnic minority community. |
| No | Yes | St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |

As a parent of three daughters I would not qualify for travel passes under your proposed scheme, even though we only had one part time wage coming into the household, when my daughters attended the schools listed (They have since left both St Bedes & St Bernards). As committed Catholics who are actively involved in the life of St Bede's church, this proposed plan is a major blow to family life.

My daughters went onto tertiary education, RCAT, University of York St John & University of Huddersfield thanks to the massive headstart that their education gave them.

While I appreciate we need to consider the current financial climate a compromise solution could be found.

From September 2013 it is vital that all Catholic Children have access to a faith school (St Bernards) and this is not means tested.....You will probably find that if approached many of the 'high income families' will be prepared to pay into a fund voluntarily to 'subsidise the transport costs'...Many parish already have a similar long standing scheme for pilgrims to attend Loudres and other shrines.

To prevent free travel will mean that families will need to live closer to the school creating a religious ghetto. In turn affecting property prices and diversity in the area. If parents do not decide to move closer then they will have to provide transport for their children increasing congestion around the schools which is already an issue outside most schools.

I think this is appalling My Mother went to St. Bernards in 1966, I went to St Bernards, all my family have gone there, I currently have one child in year 10 at St. Bernards, and will have twin boys due to go up to St. Bernards in Sept 2012. If this proposition goes ahead it will cost me Â£30.00 A WEEK!!!! Which there is no way I can afford! Surely cutbacks can be made in other ways why should our children have to suffer in their education it is appalling. The council have just built all new offices on Main Street the lighting is on full at night whenever I go past surely this is a waste of money not to mention global warming!!!!

Regards

Mrs J Porter

No No St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

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| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | This proposal is unfair to all parents who choose to send their child to a faith school (which is always for a sound and solid reason - not for convenience), but is particularly unfair to St Bernards School. These proposals will impact upon this school more than any other. It is a truly excellent school and parents should not have to consider cost when choosing a school for their child |
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St Bernard's School takes in children from such a wide area the impact of these changes will have a deeper and unfair impact on parents and students wishing to attend a school deemed by OFSTED as outstanding.

251 from a total of 333 is the disproportionate number of students who would be affected.

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| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | The cost of travel approx Â£10.00 a week per child would be a major factor in choice of school To deny children from some of the most deprived areas of our town the chance of an outstanding education leading to better outcomes in relation to savings made seems a short sighted approach. This move will lead to unfair socio-economic use of an outstanding school by parents who can afford the fares. The council needs to support and work with such a successful school not break a fifty year old agreement for the sake of a relatively small saving, as the returns of investment in outstanding education for ALL will be much deeper and widely felt within the town. |
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We are a Catholic family and St. Bernard's is our nearest catholic comprehensive school. Our children have to get two buses to school each day and if we have to pay for their transport the choice of which school to send them to could be taken away from us, I'm sure this could be the same for many families.

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| No | No | St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe |
| Yes | Yes | St Bedes - Kimberworth, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe |
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| No | No | St Josephs - Rawmarsh | My children are in Catholic Primary and practising catholics. When the time comes for them to attend St Pius they cannot walk from their home in Rawmarsh to Wath, it is too far. If the school bus service is withdrawn they would have to catch two busses or I will have to go by car with them. I believe they would be discriminated against because of their religion. |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | |

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| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | If the council is to consider the removal of free transport for children of faith schools on financial grounds, then I should think it is fair and equitable for the council to also consider the removal of the mayoral car and other related perks for this non-taxpayer elected role. |
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| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | Faith schools instill high moral values. In view of the fact that there is not a faith school in every catchment area we have an obligation as a caring society to offer the opportunity to practicing Christians' children, access to faith education at no extra cost. We pay our council tax and expect the council to spend it wisely. Do not bar Christian children from Christian schools on the grounds of transport cost! |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | No |
| | | | I find this both distasteful and disgusting and actually wonder if you are being discriminatory towards religious beliefs. |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | I am a taxpayer, voter and member of the labour party and I assure you that you will lose my vote and the labour party a member if you proceed with this. |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | As St. Bernard's school has been recognised as outstanding by Ofsted, it would seem counter productive in the extreme to threaten the future of the school by denying its pupils the right of concessionary transport to a school of their choice. |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | It is a basic right in a free society to be able to choose one's religion and to support that faith by attending a school which promotes high standards of both social and moral behaviour. |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| | | | If you bring in the changes to the policy, you will not 'bring greater fairness and equity in transport provision.' Quite the opposite. You will be introducing a policy which discriminates against a group of people based on their faith. Children who are Catholics have the right to continue their education in a Catholic school. Therefore just as children attending non denominational schools would be expected to attend their nearest non denominational school, then Catholic children would be expected to attend their nearest Catholic school. If you then discontinue the discretionary element of denominational transport you are then penalising children of denominational schools because of their faith. This would therefore mean you would be introducing a policy which would discriminate against a group of individuals, because of their faith, and sending them to schools which do not meet their needs. The policy would therefore be open to challenge in the courts and from from saving you money would cost you a lot more in court costs, plus the cost of having to abandon the policy, and continue providing transport as under the current agreement. |
| No | No | St Marys - Herringthorpe, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St Marys - Maltby | |

No No St Marys - Maltby
No No St Marys - Maltby, St. Bernards -
Herringthorpe

i believe that it is the councils obligation to provide a free school bus .and families with 2/3/4 children would find it financially impossible to have to pay for this service

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe
No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

By withdrawing this bus pass you are effectively discriminating against my child on the grounds of his religion. He would no longer be able to attend the school of his faith. We would not be able to afford the cost of bus fares from Kimberworth (currently Â£2 per day without any increase fares) and would therefore have to withdraw our child from this school putting added pressure to the local school.

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe
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No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

Parents already have to pay a contribution for sending their children to a faith school, it is unfair to penalise them further by refusing to provide bus passes and is, in my view, discriminatory to people of faith by the secular community.

I think that removing transport to and from our schools would have a detrimental effect on the education of our young people, and cause some hardship to their families.

St. Bernards for instance has a large number of pupils who attend from some distance and require transport.

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe
No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe
No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

The recent ofsted report describes this school as 'outstanding'. Our children are the future and as such we should do our best for them.

Proposal to withdraw free transport for St Bernards Catholic school is in contradiction to a letter issued and a response given by Michael Gove and in contradiction to Article 2 of the First Protocol: Right to Education

In September, a group of charities and teaching unions wrote an open letter to Education Secretary Michael Gove expressing concerns about the cuts to school transport.

A Department for Education spokesman said: "Local authorities already have a legal duty to provide free school transport for pupils to attend their nearest suitable school, provided the school is beyond the statutory walking distances."

This Legal Duty is also clarified below as part of Article 2 of the First Protocol which guarantees a right of access to education.

Article 2 of the First Protocol stipulates:

No person shall be denied the right to education. In the exercise of any functions which it assumes in relation to education and to teaching, the State shall respect the right of parents to ensure such education and teaching in conformity with their own religious and philosophical convictions.

By removing the "function" (transport) of being able to attend a school which is in conformity to religious beliefs it could be conceived that a) this is in direct conflict with the Department of Education statement and is also a breach of Article 2 of the Human Rights Act.

In addition it is clearly stipulated with precedents set in case law the following must be adhered to:

Section 76 of the 1944 Education Act (replicated in Section 9 of the 1996 Education Act), Principle 7 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child and Article 2 of the First Protocol of the European Convention of Human Rights reinforce the principle that no child shall be denied the right to education in accordance with the wishes of the parents, especially with regard to their own religious and philosophical conventions.

To remove the right for our children to attend a Catholic School will not be taken without action against those responsible

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| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Any withdrawal of the bus pass would result in my children having to leave the school they are at and attend the local catchment area school. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | By withdrawing this bus pass you are taking away my freedom of choice. I would have no choice but to remove my son from St Bernard's to send him to the local catchment area school due to transport costs. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | This would cause financial difficulties for all students travelling the distances they do to their chosen 'faith' school. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | If this bus pass is withdrawn I could not afford to keep my son at the school he's at as I don't have the money to pay his bus fares. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | The government want parents to be able to make choices about their children's education and you are depriving them of this choice that has been available previously. these bus passes are needed to ensure safe travel to and from school - parents will no longer be able to afford to send their children to an outstanding school of religious choice which is not right. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Keep the free bus pass |

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| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Stopping transport to any of the above schools will disadvantage many students and parents. These schools provide high standards of education and moral behaviour and it is narrow sighted for the Council to even consider stopping this discretionary transport. Come on Rotherham Borough Council sometimes you have to spend money to achieve high! |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | I find it hard to understand that the council are willing to charge upto Â£10 a week for the use of transport to school in such a desperate time as it. It will restrict peoples chances of attending such an affluent school. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | I think that it is disgusting that in this current economic climate parents would have to pay for their children to commute into school. Iâ€™m sure that you will appreciate that it is very expensive when it comes to things such as uniforms, books, resources etcâ€¦ and this proposal will not help struggling families in the slightest! Come on RMBC â€œ we pay enough in Taxes etcâ€¦ Just give us a break!!! |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | I do not agree to these changes proposed. I think it is disgusting that charges for children going to school are even being considered. Children and their families should not be charged this high ammount to be educated. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | I have 3 children who wil need to take the bus from Dinnington to St Bernards and the monthly costs would be horrific - this discrimates against Catholics who have to travel to secondary school. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Our family would be severely affected by removing these buses.To have to find Â£30 per week for three children to travel to school be a struggle to ours and many other families. The council can save money in many many other ways. Office furniture being just one way !! |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Savings can be made in other areas of RMBC, reduce the number of elected members, cap the pay of very senior officers, reduce the number of very senior officers, the list goes on. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | The removal of transport will impact on those families who fall just outside the criteria for support. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Irrespective of creed or race, children whose parents wish them to attend a particular school for religious reasons should not be penalised fancially,there are I am sure much easier and quicker ways of the council managing and reducing costs than this. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Working class people on low incomes of which they are many will be hit the hardest with these proposed changes. Unfortunately we all cannot live near the school of choice or our faith. Rotherham Labour council should be seeking to save money elsewhere and not at the expense of our children and their education. |

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

Although this would not affect my family, it will affect a lot of children and families across the borough and feels unnecessarily discriminatory. I am sure there are many other areas that the local authority could consider in terms of realising the savings we all need to generate.

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

My two children would not have been able to attend St Bernard's if they had not been in receipt of the discretionary pass as they had to catch two buses each way to school and we would not have been able to afford the increased costs.

Removing these passes could have a knock on effect on the take up of school meals, if parents have to find extra money then the first thing they will do is save the cost of a school meal and send their child/ren with sandwiches.

I strongly object to the proposals.

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

My son is currently at st Bernard's, and my daughter will start in September 2013. As a catholic school that has no catchment area, I can't understand why you would want to stop the funding. The buses are well used, and are a valuable service for a single parent who is working but is not able to claim free dinners or housing benefit, so money is tight. An extra Â£10 a week or Â£20 a week when my daughter attends might not seem much to some people, but to me, it's alot.

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

It will cost me a further 50 pound a month if the free bus passes are stopped as well as already paying a fortune every month in school meals. Please consider parents who only have one adult working at the minute who are already struggling to make ends meet. If bus passes are stopped lots of parents will be removing their children from schools as it is too expensive. I think that would disrupt children who have managed to settle into the school. And apply more pressure to them which they dont need. Also i think people pay enough in taxes and everything which children benefit from is being taken away from them by local councils. These children are our future and have no benefits at all its disgusting.

No No St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

Yes Yes St. Bernards - Herringthorpe

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| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | The cost of transport is miniscule when compared to wastage in other areas. Costs could easily be saved without effecting trhe education of our children> Rotherham already has a poor record compared to the national averages and this will only add to this. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | My son travels from Kimberworth Park to Herringthorpe and so will my younger son in 2013. I cannot believe that I will have to pay up to Â£4.00 to enable my children to get to school. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Equality does not mean doing dumb stuff just because other authorities do. My child does not get this but plenty of children would have long expensive trips to and from school without it, and not from well off areas. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | to discontinue the current free bus passes given to those children who need it to get to school would be extremely unlawful and wrong. it is crucial that those children who currently receive bus passes continue to be awarded them as it is necessary to the child's education which is their right. No free buses would mean that children could potentially not be able to get to school which would have a negative effect on their education which is vital. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | All children should be provided with a free bus pass to school especially when the chosen school is 2 and sometimes 3 bus rides away. For a lot of families the loss of these passes would mean they would not be able to attend the school of choice which from a religious point of view is a very important part of some families education. Considering the amount of money Rotherham council have sqwandered on unescassary buildings ie.Football stadium,new council building and failure to complete the 2010 project sucessfully,free bus passes for our future, is small change. |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Denomiatonal schools offer a unique and outstanding education that families from this denomination are willing to travel to. The economic impact on families means that CHOICE to practise faoth in a denominational school is taken away. No |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe, Other | |
| No | No | St. Bernards - Herringthorpe, St Pius - Wath | It is a very serious threat to the survival of both Catholic secondary schools in Rotherham if this support for transport costs is withdrawn. Both schools add considerably to the reputation of education in Rotherham and help their local communities is a huge varity of ways. Can you feel comfortable about threatening their existence? By their very nature they will serve much wider areas than other secondary schools in the borough and so special arrangements should be made for transport. |

This is yet another example of charges being passed on to working families. At a time when the cost of living is rising and families are working hard to bring in enough money to pay the bills it is disgusting that our children's education will suffer. When families like ours are faced with the prospect of paying the cost of bus travel to and from school for our children they will have no option but to send their children to local schools within walking distance which do not actively support their beliefs. The only children who will be able to travel to denominational schools are those whose families are on a low income and who already receive benefits to help them cope with the costs of living. We pay taxes from our wages to improve standards of living and facilities available to EVERYONE. My taxes will be supporting a better education for other people's children whilst my children have to settle for, in our opinion, second best. It would be better if we stopped working so hard and took a lower paid job because after qualifying for some benefits we'd be better off and our children would access the education they deserve.

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington

My Two children at present attend a primary school, but will eventually attend St Bernards RC school in rotherham. If your propose plans go ahead i would have to pay out Â£80 a month which would cripple me financially. Being catholic i would be very upset if my children were unable to attend this school.

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington

I have every wish for my children to attend the linked Catholic school, ST bernards, so the school bus provided is a SAFE WAY FOR THEM TO GO!! This factor alone should account for the decission to keep the bus going.

No Yes St. Josephs - Dinnington

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington

Proposal re School passes/transport will inhibit children going to the school which their siblings attend. People cannot afford the costs of bus fares when you have more than one child. There must be other areas where the council can find savings.

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington , St. Bernards
- Herringthorpe

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington , St. Bernards
- Herringthorpe

The discretionary bus service is an essential service without this service my children would not be able to attend the school of their choice. Attending a good school and obtaining a good education is a basic human right and is the foundation on which young people can move on to get gainful employment and therefore avoid become a burden on the benefit system. Thus removing the bus service is in fact a long term false economy

No No St. Josephs - Dinnington , St. Bernards
- Herringthorpe

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| No | No | St. Josephs - Dinnington , St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | A withdrawal of transport would mean that many pupils would not be able to have their choice of education, and therefore would mean the closure of St Bernard's school. There was no room last time I enquired at the local comp for my son. Catholic schools educated 10% of the UK's teenagers (mainly non-catholics) and have to find 10% of their own building & maintenance funding. So RMBC are already not fully funding catholic schools 'on their books' as other schools in the LA, so it seems unfair to look to catholic schools to make further 'savings'. St Bernards is an outstanding school and turns out well educated kids who will make find jobs and make a contribution to society and become the next set of RMBC tax payers, which is so needed when we have so many people on benefits in Rotherham. Please re-consider. Thank you. |
| No | No | St.Gerards - Thrybergh | i think this is a totally unfair proposal childeren from poorer familes will be put at a disadvantage ,childeren should be able to attend the school of there choice on whatever grounds ,this will take away free choice and bring about an unfair system .money can be saved by other means . |
| No | No | St.Gerards - Thrybergh | |
| No | Yes | St.Gerards - Thrybergh | I support that free bus passes should only be available for children from low income families. Free bus passes should not be available to anyone else and parents should factor in the cost of travelling to a school when selecting which school they want their child to attend. |
| No | No | St.Gerards - Thrybergh, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | St.Gerards - Thrybergh, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | Why change something that is working? |
| No | No | St.Gerards - Thrybergh, St. Bernards - Herringthorpe | |
| No | No | Treeton C of E - Treeton | Without the education I received from St Bernards I would not have been able to progress in my career as a teacher. I feel that you will be depriving my daughter of the same experience as I cannot afford to move closer to her school for her to be within walking distance. |
| No | No | Treeton C of E - Treeton | |
| No | No | Treeton C of E - Treeton | |
| No | No | Treeton C of E - Treeton | |
| Yes | Yes | Wath C of E - Wath | |
| No | Yes | Wentworth C of E - Wentworth | Don` t put children at risk as that is what will happen when they have to walk because of the cost of fares! |
| No | Yes | Wentworth C of E - Wentworth | We would struggle to get our daughter to school without this service, because of our work commitments. We would pay for her pass to maintain this facility. |