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Dear Parent/Carer

**Zero Fare Bus Pass Entitlement – Blackburn Primary School**

I have to inform you that next year your child will no longer be entitled to a renewal of the zero fare bus pass to enable **him/her** to travel free of charge to and from Blackburn Primary School.

In accordance with the Education Act 1996, free transport assistance is usually awarded for those pupils under 8 years of age, who live more than 2 miles, and for those over 8 years who live more than 3 miles from their catchment school. The distance from your home address to Blackburn School is less than 2 miles so pupils would not qualify in these circumstances.

It is acknowledged that a zero fare bus pass was previously awarded to your child as there were doubts regarding the safety of the nearest available walking route. It was confirmed by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's Road Safety Team, during 2010, and in May and June 2011, that an alternative safe walking route is available from your home address.

As a consequence of this updated information, your child is no longer entitled to a zero fare bus pass. It has, however, been agreed that as your child was issued with a pass in September 2011 that they will keep this until it expires in July 2012. It will not be renewed in September 2012 and you will then need to pay the concessionary bus fare (currently 50p) per journey.

Please also note that if your child's circumstances change (such as a change of address) then their entitlement will be re-assessed and the zero fare bus pass may be withdrawn before July 2012.

If you need any further details, please contact me on the above telephone number (24 hours voicemail service available).

Yours sincerely

Julia Russell  
Passenger Services