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To Whom It May Concern:

**Consultation – removal of LCC subsidy for bus charges to faith schools**

I am writing to express my serious concern in the removal of the subsidy from LCC to support the transport costs to faith schools. Children and families from faith backgrounds should be able to attend the faith school of their choice and not be forced to attend the closest high school just because they can't afford the ever increasing, even with the subsidy, transport costs. If the subsidy is removed, annual bus tickets will rise from £575 to £800 – a significant amount.

Some families have more than one child attending a faith school so the increased costs may be doubled or trebled.

In some respects this is discriminatory as it preventing parents from possibly sending their children to their first choice of school due to the ever spiralling costs. This increase affects lots of families both at this school and in the Parish.

We would like you to think again and reconsider your position on this very important matter – the education of young people in the broadest of senses.

Yours faithfully