

To: Parents and Carers

My Ref: SG/SM/AC

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Please ask for: Angelina Dawson

Date: 20 May 2024

Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to update you on our home to school transport arrangements for Sandwell children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The council needs to ensure it delivers the best services for children with SEND which also complies with our best value duty on how we use resources. The council is currently looking into arrangements for transport for children for the new school year in September 2024 following a review of existing transport arrangements.

A decision will be taken by the council's cabinet on 29 May, which will set out how the council appoints its transport providers, and to extend some of our existing arrangements.

Please be assured that this decision is solely about arrangements for how we appoint transport providers and not specific arrangements for your child.

As is always the case, should any changes be required to the team that take your child to school, we will always work with you and transport operators to make any transition as smooth as possible.

We will keep you updated as this progresses.

Yours faithfully



Sally Giles

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