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Dear Head Teacher,

Changes to Fare Paying School Transport from September 2020

As you may be aware, a Report was agreed by the Council's Cabinet on 23rd March 2020 relating to the proposed withdrawal of funding for Council supported 'fare paying' school transport services with effect from 1st September 2020. A copy of that Report can be found (https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Cabinet/2020/20-03-23/Minutes.pdf).

I am writing to give you advanced notice that the following 'fare paying' school transport services **will be withdrawn or revised as detailed below from 1st September 2020**. Parents and guardians of pupils who are not entitled to free home to school transport will therefore need to make their own alternative arrangements to get to school. Please note that the agreed Report has no implications with regard to the provision of free home to school transport for entitled children that will continue to be maintained.

- **Service 351 (St Athan Primary School)** to be withdrawn in its entirety.
- **Service P97 (Llansannor Primary School)** linked with S31 (Cowbridge Comprehensive School) will continue for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only.
- **Service P122 (Llangan Primary School)** linked with S22 (Cowbridge Comprehensive School) will continue for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only.
- **Service P125 (Ysgol St Curig and Ysgol St Baruc)** and **S2 (Pencoedtre High School /Whitmore High School / Ysgol Bro Morgannwg)** will continue for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only, possibly utilising a smaller vehicle or placed on commercial school service provision if possible depending on entitled pupil numbers.
- **Service P132 (Ysgol Pen Y Garth)** linked with S57 (Stanwell Comprehensive School) may either continue as currently supplied or split into a taxi service for Service P132 (Ysgol Pen y Garth) and a large coach for Service S57 (Stanwell Comprehensive School), but in both options provision will be for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only.
- **Service P133 (St Joseph's Primary School)** to be withdrawn in its entirety, with the small number of pupils that are entitled to free home to school transport being accommodated on a smaller vehicle (e.g. 5 seat taxi).

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- **Service P135 (St Andrew's Primary School)** will continue for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only.
- **Service P138 (St Illtyd Primary School)** to be withdrawn in its entirety.
- **Service P139 (Ysgol Pen Y Garth)** linked with S58 (Stanwell Comprehensive School) will continue for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only.
- **Service S10 (Pencoedre High School / Whitmore High School /Ysgol Bro Morgannwg)** to be withdrawn in its entirety; however the existing operator has indicated an interest in retaining the service on a commercial basis.
- **Service S14 (Pencoedre High School / Whitmore High School)** to be withdrawn in its entirety, with the small number of pupils that are entitled to free home to school transport being accommodated on a smaller vehicle (e.g. 6 seat taxi); however the existing operator has indicated an interest to retain the service on a commercial basis, which may further enable this Authority to purchase passes for pupils entitled to free home to school transport on.
- **Service S40 (Llantwit Major Comprehensive School)** is currently linked with Service 351. This service will be reviewed with regard to current entitlement following provision of the new walking route between Eglwys Brewis and Llantwit Major. Those pupils that retain entitlement to free home to school transport will continue to catered for, but possibly placed on another service (e.g. Service S36/38 (Llantwit Major Comprehensive School)).
- **Service S49 (St Richard Gwyn High School)** to be withdrawn in its entirety, however the existing operator has indicated an interest in retaining the service on a commercial basis.
- **Service S51 (St Richard Gwyn High School)** will continue for pupils entitled to free home to school transport only.

It should also be noted that there may opportunities for pupils to 'purchase a pass' depending on the availability of spare seats on the services, the PSVAR (i.e. Passenger Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations) and type of vehicle actually deployed (i.e. if vehicle specifications are line with the PSVAR regulations).

As pupils affected are not entitled to free home to school transport, we do not have their contact details. Therefore I would be grateful if you can advise all parents via parent mail as soon as feasible and confirm when this has been done with an email to 2020schooltransport@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk .

If you have any questions please email 2020schooltransport@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk .

Yours Faithfully

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