



## **Transport to Highcliffe School**

In Catchment: Hampshire based applicants only

The new Hampshire County Council (HCC) Home to School Transport Policy will be implemented in full from September 2013.

(<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/traveltoschool/school-transport.htm>)

The policy states that students living over 3 miles from a school will be entitled to free transport to the nearest catchment school only. This is a change from the previous policy of providing free transport to any school within a shared catchment arrangement. In effect, Hampshire County Council has removed the discretionary element of their policy.

Therefore, for students who live in Hampshire, more than 3 miles from Highcliffe School and where Highcliffe School is the nearest school treating that address as in-catchment, HCC will continue to provide transport free of charge.

HCC and Highcliffe School are working together to ensure that the existing transport service remains in place. HCC have committed to meeting the school's needs in terms of total seat numbers required. Highcliffe School will purchase seats on the coaches which will be available.

Highcliffe School will subsidise the cost of a seat. Seats will be available at a cost of £295 per seat per year (from September Intake 2013) for the first two seats purchased per family unit as defined by our Admissions Policy (students 11 to 18). Where additional seats are required for siblings within the same family unit Highcliffe School will provide these at no further cost.

### *Further Information:*

- *Parents are advised to refer to Hampshire County Council regarding free school meals and SEN entitlements with regards to transport provision.*
- *Students will be expected to uphold high standards of behaviour when travelling to and from school.*
- *Highcliffe School will enable payment to be made by instalments.*
- *There will be no reduction or abatement of cost due to absence or any other circumstance.*
- *Hampshire County Council charges a standard discretionary rate of £495 per seat(2012/13 rates and may be subject to change).*
- *Parents are free to choose to make alternative transport arrangements.*

Out of Catchment; all applicants

If you live outside the area traditionally served by the school then you will be responsible for your own transport arrangements for getting your child to school, including costs.