

23 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Travelling to School Consultation – Have Your Say by 11 June 2025

We are writing to make you aware and encourage your input into a public consultation.

As a parent or carer, you will know the importance of good transport options including public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling, to connect children and young people to education and opportunity. This should be convenient, safe and affordable, no matter where you are in West Yorkshire.

Here at the Combined Authority, we are working hard to deliver an integrated, sustainable and reliable transport system that connects all parts of our region so everyone can access the places they need to live fulfilled lives, including access to education.

We are therefore undertaking a consultation to get your views on how we can best support travel to school. This includes our policy regarding dedicated bus services to secondary schools, and how children and young people travel to their place of education in the future.

As a parent or carer of a pupil currently attending secondary school, we want to understand you and your child's needs, to help shape our future plans. Your views will help us create a new, sustainable travel to school strategy, with any resulting changes to secondary school services not expected to be introduced until September 2026 at the earliest. Transport for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and school bus services to primary schools are **not part of this consultation and will remain unaffected**.

We want to learn more about your child's journey to school, so it's important to share your views whether they walk, wheel, cycle, travel by bus, car, train or use a dedicated school bus.

The consultation opens on 23 April and you'll have until 11 June 2025 to participate. The survey is open to those aged 13 and over, so we encourage eligible pupils to also take part.

To find out more and complete the survey, visit our website:
yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/school-travel

For any queries about this consultation, please email:
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Yours faithfully,

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