

## About you

You do not have to complete this section of the survey but it helps us if you do. We collect this information to ensure that we are seeking the views of everyone in our community and to demonstrate that we are complying with relevant diversity and equalities legislation.

**Any responses you give will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

Q5. Are you.....? Male  Female  Prefer not to say

Q6. Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?  
Yes  No  Prefer not to say

Q7. Which of these age groups do you belong to? Please select one option

Under 18    18 to 24    25 to 34    35 to 44    45 to 54    55 to 59    60 to 64    65 to 74    75+    Prefer not to say

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) describes a person disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q8. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the DDA? Please select one option  
Yes  No  Prefer not to say

Q9. If you answered yes to Q8, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you. You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and write in the type of impairment you have.

Physical impairment    Mental health condition  
 Sensory impairment (hearing and sight)    Learning disability  
 Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer HIV, heart disease, diabetes or epilepsy    Prefer not to say  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Q10. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? (source: 2001 census) Please select one option

White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British
<input type="checkbox"/> British	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> African
<input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy/Roma	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

**Other Ethnic Group** If your ethnic group was not specified in the list, please describe your ethnic group: \_\_\_\_\_

Q11. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief? Please select one option  
Yes  No  Prefer not to say

Q12. If you answered yes to Q11 which one? Please select one option

Christian    Hindu    Muslim  
 Buddhist    Jewish    Sikh  
 Any other religion or belief (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Q13. Are you...? Please select one option

Bi/Bisexual    Gay woman/Lesbian    Other  
 Heterosexual/Straight    Gay Man    Prefer not to say

## Consultation on proposed changes to Home to School Transport to Church Aided Schools

We are asking for your views about the County Council's proposal to make changes to the provision of discretionary home to school transport to church aided schools from 1st January 2011.

### Background Information:

The Government has cut the grant funding to Children's Services in East Sussex. This cut has been made in this financial year. Some of this grant funding is part of the home to school transport budget. To find the savings needed we are reviewing all our services, including the transport benefits currently available to children in East Sussex.

Currently East Sussex County Council chooses to assist with transport for pupils who go to a church aided or denominational school rather than their local school. At the moment the County Council subsidises transport for some children travelling to these schools. Other pupils continue to receive free transport to their church aided schools under the previous policy. The estimated net cost to transport these pupils is around £600,000 per year.

This policy benefits one group of children. We believe this is neither fair nor equitable.

The Council is proposing to cease to provide this discretionary transport starting from 1st January 2011.

Children of secondary school age will continue to be entitled to home to school transport to church aided schools if they live more than two miles but no more than 15 miles from that school and they come from a low income family.

East Sussex County Council continues to recognise and support faith schools as providers of high educational standards and pastoral care for their pupils. However, the financial costs to council tax payers of providing transport and the reduction in funding from the Government have to be taken into account.

The County Council wants to introduce a fairer, more equitable policy that achieves the required budgetary savings for the council tax payer. An increasing number of councils are reviewing their transport policies to church aided schools and a number have already withdrawn this transport support.

## Who can take part?

We would welcome comments from:

- parents and carers of young people living in East Sussex who currently have free/subsidised home to school transport to church aided schools,
- church aided school staff/governors,
- church authorities, and
- East Sussex residents who are interested.

## Where can I get more information?

Further information can be found at: [eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

## How to take part:

We would welcome your views on the proposed policy change. Please use one of the following ways to ensure your feedback is taken into account.

Please send us your comments by completing our online survey at:

[eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

or by completing the survey in this booklet and returning it to:

School Transport Consultation  
Freepost BR157  
Children's Services  
East Sussex County Council  
Lewes  
BN7 1SG

(you will not need a stamp)

## All completed surveys must be received by midnight on 30th September 2010.

All responses received will be treated in the strictest confidence. The Council will use the collective responses for decision making purposes.

If you would like this document, or a copy of the survey, in another language or format (e.g. large text), please email:

[Transportconsultation@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Transportconsultation@eastsussex.gov.uk)

or write to the address given above.

## What happens next?

After 30th September 2010 responses to the survey will be considered by the Lead Member for Children's Services on 18th October 2010. Parents will be notified of the outcome by 15th November 2010. This information will also be published on the County Council's website.

## Transport to church aided schools

Q1. Thinking about the proposal to stop the provision of discretionary free and subsidised home to school transport to church aided schools, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: Please select one option in each row

	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
I think the County Council should make this change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The County Council should provide fair transport provision for all pupils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The County Council should make best use of the budget available to them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The County Council should continue to provide transport for secondary school aged children to church aided schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The County Council should continue to provide transport for primary school aged children to church aided schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents should be responsible for getting their children to church aided schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is not fair that the County Council only provides transport assistance to certain schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. Are there any other comments that you would like to make?

Q3. Are you a...? Please select all that apply

- Parent/carer or a pupil living in East Sussex attending and receiving transport to a church aided school
- Parent/carer or pupil living in East Sussex attending but not receiving transport to a church aided school
- Parent/carer or pupil living in East Sussex attending and receiving transport to a school which is not church aided
- Parent/carer or pupil living in East Sussex attending but not receiving transport to a school which is not church aided
- A member of staff or governor of a church aided school
- A member of staff or a governor of a school which is not church aided
- Other

Please provide details \_\_\_\_\_

Q4. What is your postcode? \_\_\_\_\_