

Extending the distance of provision of school transport from 2 to 3 miles

"Midlothian Council believes that every child should have an equal opportunity to access the excellent and inclusive education we have in Midlothian. Extending the distance of provision of school transport from 2 to 3 miles will disadvantage the pupils living in this extended radius. The extended radius covers Mayfield and Easthouses, some of our most deprived areas, and may impact on their future attainment, and success in life.

Council also notes that this change was done without consultation with parents and care givers and without a specific policy change agreed by Councillors or a comprehensive equality impact assessment. With immediate effect, Council will therefore reverse this decision and prepare a full equality assessment and consult with parents, care givers, pupil representatives and head teachers before reviewing the decision further".

Proposed By:

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