

3.4 Feeder School Arrangements

On a discretionary basis the Authority recognises that certain Primary schools are natural feeder schools for certain Secondary schools. Therefore in regard to Secondary education, free school transport may be provided to either the nearest suitable Secondary School or the recognised feeder Secondary school; providing that the learner lives over the distance criteria in section 2.2, and the journey is agreed to be reasonable; this criteria is shown below.

The Authority reserves the right to apply a test of reasonableness to those parents / carers requesting secondary school transport on the basis of feeder schools. To receive free transport on this basis the learner must:

- Have been attending their nearest suitable primary school from their home location as assessed at the point of admission.
- Meet the distance criteria in section 2.2 for secondary schools.
- If learners move house before commencing secondary school, their entitlement will require re-assessment, as per the criteria shown in section 2.
- In instances where learners have not attended their nearest suitable primary school by parental / carer preference, section 3.4 will not apply. The assessment of school transport applications will then be based solely on nearest suitable Secondary school.

3.2 Faith Schools

On a discretionary basis the Authority will provide transport to the nearest suitable Faith school if this is the parental / carers preference. This will apply even if the school is not their nearest suitable school. The distance criteria in section 2.2 will still apply. See the table in Appendix 1 for further details of Faith schools.

If the nearest suitable Faith school is outside of County then transport would still be provided by the Authority.

Where parents / carers have specifically cited Faith based education and the nearest suitable Faith school has no available places, then the next suitable Faith based school will be considered.

Process Scope and Considerations for the Working Group

- In what instances should a new process be invoked?
- How to account for such varying instances in a procedure?
- Consultation with Stakeholders
- Statement from the Current Clusters
- Authority Statement
- Other Considerations for the Business Case and Authority Statement?
 - Financial Modelling
 - Effect of School Places
 - School Transport
 - Support Arrangements for the Cluster
 - Areas of Responsibility
 - Time scale
- Final Decision