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**R I N G W O O D**  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Changes to Hampshire County Council Home - to - School Transport Entitlement Policy.

As you will now be aware from recent correspondence sent out by Hampshire County Council, changes have been made to the Hampshire School Transport Policy for students due to transfer to Secondary Education in September 2013. The change in policy does affect families in the Bransgore catchment area which is a shared catchment area between Arnewood, Highcliffe and Ringwood Schools.

For parents applying through the current application round (application closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011), into year 7 at Ringwood School in September 2012, **the existing policy still applies**. Transport will still be available for the **full 5 years**, year 7 to 11 (unless family circumstances change, such as moving house or switching secondary schools).

The new policy will come into effect for current year 5 students when they are due to progress to secondary school. From 2013, free transport will only be available **to the nearest catchment school** when measured from the home address.

Ringwood School has always highly valued the special relationship we have with Bransgore Primary School. It is our intention to provide a subsidised bus service from Bransgore to Ringwood School from September 2013 for the families who would like to take up a place at Ringwood School. It is important to note that children in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parent/carer is in receipt of the maximum level of working tax credit **will** still receive travel assistance from their home address to any of the three schools.

I do hope that this will reassure parents who have been concerned as a result of the late notification of these changes.

If you have any further questions about transport please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

Chris Edwards (Miss)  
Headteacher

