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School Transport in situations where it is not possible to open a school (or part of a school) Policy

Temporary travel arrangements will be introduced in situations where it is not possible to open a catchment school (or part of a catchment school) for a period of time.

Situations such as these may arise, for example, when it has not been possible to staff a school, or a school has suffered damage (e.g. a fire). The arrangements could be for the whole age range of a school, or for a specific age range in a school (depending on the circumstances).

When it is not possible to open a catchment school (or part of a catchment school) it will be considered that the catchment area of the school which cannot be opened becomes part of a different catchment area (e.g. the catchment of a neighbouring school (or a more extended catchment area if needs be) in order to ensure the availability of a suitable Building to house the school).

The Council's normal School Transport Policy will be applied to this temporary different and new catchment area.

So,

free transport will be provided to learners who live in the County and who have registered in a school maintained by the Council

- Primary schools – for learners who live 2 miles or more from the nearest school (or suitable building) in the new, different, temporary catchment area where places are available, or to a school which is not in the new, different temporary catchment area, but is closer to the learner's home (does not include nursery class pupils)
- Secondary schools – for learners under 16 years old who live 3 miles or more from the nearest school (or suitable building) in the new, different, temporary catchment area where places are available, or to a school which is not in the new, different temporary catchment area, but is closer to the learner's home.