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Dear Parent

**Berkhamsted Education changes - Travel Choices.**

I am part of the County Councils 'Safer Routes to School Team' and we have been asked to work with schools in Berkhamsted to help parents make informed travel choices once the new education system starts working.

We are primarily funded towards sustainability and will be concentrating on improving walking routes and cycling facilities around the Town. We will also try to address safety issues through our HCC colleagues.

It is appreciated that the changes in Berkhamsted will, over the next two years, affect all parents and we have been meeting with the schools to look at how best we can work with you all to make the transition, in travel terms, as safe and easy as possible. Through the County Council we have access to diverse resources including to 'Living Streets' which is a charity, working in partnership with the HCC Safe and Sustainable Travel team, to increase walking rates to schools by engaging with all parties.

Whilst we will not know the full impact until the first round of changes in September 2013, we are looking to attend parents evening and sports days to discuss the engineering works that we are already planning to undertake and identify any safety concerns that you may have in regards to your child's journey to school.

We hope to be able to work with all Berkhamsted schools to make the changes easy and encourage walking, scooting and cycling as the preferred school travel mode. We know this is not always possible due to personal circumstances but will help and encourage where sustainable choices are possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Safer Routes to School