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To all users of the Home to School Transport Service

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Shortage of Taxi Drivers / Personal Transport Budgets**

Following the letter sent out to all Parents/Carers in October 2021 which stated that it had become evident that the demand for taxi and transport services could not be met by the availability of taxi resources in the city. As we prepare for the new academic year the shortage of transport services remains the same.

This may have had an impact on your home-to-school transport and we apologise sincerely for any disruption or service failure you may have experienced.

The purpose in writing to you again is to offer you the option of a personal transport budget (PTB) to support you to take your child to school. This is an offer as a potential solution and the Council is not making it compulsory.

Payments are 45p per mile x 4-ways plus £3 per day. For example, if your child's school is 8 miles from your normal address the payment would be £14.40 plus £3 totalling **£17.40 / day**.

The mileage rate is based on the current HMRC mileage and fuel rates and allowances. Mileage is based on the Council's education mapping system to determine the distance. Payments are based on attendance and will be paid retrospectively. We acknowledge that some parents may have other children in different schools, therefore we are also offering the option of covering the cost of breakfast/after school club for other siblings. This will only be agreed if it is the most cost-effective option (less than the cost of the original transport).

We completely understand that this option will not be available to all parents, and we apologise if you do not have your own transport and are therefore not able to accept this offer. We will continue to provide available transport and will consider all other possible solutions.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact the team on [sen.transport@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:sen.transport@liverpool.gov.uk) or 0151 233 6511/6513/6517.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

SEN Transport Team