

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

### **What is Compulsory School Age?**

Compulsory school age starts at different times as described below:

- Children becoming 5 years old between 1st January and 31st March are of compulsory school age at the beginning of the term after 1st April.
- Children becoming 5 years old between 1st April and 31st August are of compulsory school age at the beginning of the term after 1st September.
- Children becoming 5 years old between 1st September and 31st December are of compulsory school age at the beginning of the term after 1st January.

We provide transport for children of compulsory school age. Children who are not of compulsory school age but are attending a nursery or Reception class are not eligible for transport.

### **What is the Home Address?**

There is guidance on what constitutes a home address in the School Admissions Guides and the same rules would apply:

<http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=27811> Primary

<http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=29469> Secondary

### **What is my Nearest School?**

The *nearest qualifying school* may be outside of West Berkshire in a neighbouring Local Authority area. The nearest qualifying school can be checked on the website by typing the postcode into the search box: [www.westberks.gov.uk](http://www.westberks.gov.uk).

### **How do I know if the Policy changes?**

If the policy changes we run a consultation through [our consultation portal](#). You can [register for email alerts](#) so we can automatically let you know about new consultations. You can also follow us on [Twitter](#)