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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about an important Travelling to School Consultation being conducted by The West Yorkshire Combined Authority. This consultation aims to gather feedback on school transportation and explore ways to improve the travel experience for students across the region. The attached letter from WYCA specifics how you can take part in this.

It is important to stress that Cardinal Heenan may not be the "nearest suitable secondary school" for many of our students who apply to Cardinal Heenan as their Catholic School of preference in the North of Leeds – selecting our school due to our status as a Catholic School. This means that we serve communities across the city and as such dedicated school bus transportation is vital for our students to be able to attend their faith school of choice. The availability of these transportation services supports and enables our mission to provide a faith-based education to students and families across the city.

Additionally, we would like to stress the importance of registering for and using the Priority Photocard Passes issued by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. These passes allow the authority to calculate how many students travel by bus to school each day, ensuring adequate provision, and entitle the cardholder to a place on the specified bus service. Fully funded transport is available for many families, based on eligibility. Please follow the link below to see if you are eligible. The application form for your bus pass is available on the Metro website using the following link:

[Free school travel in Leeds | Metro](#)

[Application forms | Metro.](#)

We encourage all parents and carers to check your eligibility for a bus pass and to participate in the consultation and share your views on the current school transportation system. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us advocate for the continued provision and improvement of school bus services for our students.

Thank you for your attention and your ongoing support to this matter. If you have any questions or queries about this survey, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by [info@cardinalheenan.com](mailto:info@cardinalheenan.com). If you have any questions about securing funded transport, please direct these to Education Transport Assessment Team at Metro, telephone number 01133481121.

Yours sincerely,

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