

26 September 2025

Parent/Carer of
child impacted by
proposal to withdraw
bus service B99

Dear Parent/Carer,

Proposal to withdraw bus service B99

On 24 July 2025, the Combined Authority approved a new Travel to School Policy. A link to the policy document can be found on the Your Voice website:

<https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/consultation-on-withdrawal-of-six-school-bus-services>

The Combined Authority's policy is that in principle:

- Those who can walk, wheel, or cycle to school (active travel) should be encouraged to do so.
- Those who cannot walk, wheel or cycle should be able and feel confident to use public transport services to get to school.
- Those who are unable to use public transport services should have a dedicated 'home to school' bus service available to get them to the nearest, suitable secondary school at the cost of an equivalent conventional service (or for free if eligible under law), paid for through existing budgets and funding mechanisms.

The introduction of the Policy means that some services are being considered for withdrawal at the end of the 2025/26 school year including bus service B99.

This is because:

- There are suitable public transport alternatives for students (as defined in the Policy). The route and timetables of the available services and information about spare places are available on the Your Voice webpage.

However, before we make decisions about these school bus services, the Combined Authority is seeking feedback on the proposal from parents/carers of students who currently use these services or may be planning to use them in the future, the students themselves and from other interested parties.

The period of consultation will begin on 26 September 2025 and will end on 26 October 2025. Details and access to the online survey can be found on the Your Voice web page.



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The decision on whether or not to withdraw these services will be taken at the meeting of the Combined Authority on 4 December 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal or the consultation process, you can contact us at EducationCustomerServices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

Tim Taylor
Director of Transport Services