

21st September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my recent letter regarding the parent/carers meeting to discuss the 226 transport provision we wanted to update parents/carers who could not attend the meeting. We will still be available to discuss any of the details on this letter.

As mentioned in the previous letter the Academy has undertaken a cost review of a range of contracts and services. An outcome of the review, it is with regret, that the 226 bus is not sustainable to continue to provide and as a result it will cease to operate at the end of the 2022/23 Academic year.

The Academy does provide a financial contribution to the costs of transport to make the Academy accessible but the costs of the 226 bus are too significant in comparison to the other routes and therefore unviable to continue. The Academy currently has to contribute £42,000 for 18 students on the 226 route which is significantly more than the total contribution in comparison for 170 students on all of the other routes combined.

The Academy has looked into provision from a range of bus firms but this has proven unsuccessful. A barrier has been that the route has a high amount of 'dead miles' and is not near any depots which results in the significant costs in comparison to other routes.

We appreciate that this will be disappointing and welcome your questions or comments. Please email admin@theaxholmeacademy.com with the subject title '226 Transport' for the attention of Mr Keogh and Miss Leggott.

Yours sincerely



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