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## KILMALEY PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following on from my previous correspondence regarding students currently travelling on the Kilmaley bus to our school, a review has now taken place on the feasibility of continuing to heavily subsidise this service.

As you may be aware, when this service was first introduced, Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board agreed to subsidise it on the understanding that it would become self-financing within five years. The service has now been in operation for eight years.

Due to changes in other Bus Éireann routes, the number of students using this service has declined significantly over the past three years. The total annual cost of operating the service is €23,500, of which LCETB currently subsidises €12,000.

Given the increasing operational costs and insufficient growth in passenger numbers to reduce the level of subsidy required, we regret to inform you that the service will be discontinued at the end of the current school year.

Last year, we made a joint effort to bring this service under the operation of Bus Éireann; however, this was not successful. We have re-engaged with Bus Éireann this year, and they have requested that all parents apply for a school transport ticket through the Bus Éireann School Transport Portal.

Bus Éireann has agreed to allocate seats for students travelling from the Kilmaley area on the Caherea service. The cost of this service will be €100 per annum, with a maximum family charge of €220.

We understand that this change is far from ideal, as it will require parents to arrange transport to the designated pick-up point. We have requested that this pick-up point be located at the Benedin (Crows Cross) junction.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Denis O'Rourke

Principal