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To Parents of Young Persons Paying a Half Fare

Dear Parent,

WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY (WYCA) Young Persons Eligibility for Half Fare Travel within West Yorkshire

West Yorkshire provides a half fare concessionary travel scheme for young people from the age of 5 until 18 years. When a young person pays half fare on a bus or purchases a School Plus MCard the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) makes a payment to the bus operator for providing discounted fares.

The cost of subsidising young people's travel is approximately £10m per annum and is funded from local council tax payers in West Yorkshire.

The West Yorkshire Young Persons Travel Scheme requires that young people between the ages of 11 and 18 reside in West Yorkshire, and must obtain either a under 16 or 16 to 18 Photocard, as this provides proof of entitlement for the discounted fares.

Children under 11 years old are not required to obtain a Photocard, as we believe it would be administratively difficult because of the young age of this group.

The reason Photocards are issued is to ensure that only young people residing in West Yorkshire can obtain the Photocard. The Photocards also contain a 'chip', which enable WYCA to more accurately reimburse bus operators for travel undertaken.

Please apply on line by accessing the following website address:-

<http://www.generationm.co.uk/passes-permits>

The terms and conditions are explained on our website.

Please note that without a valid PhotoCard your child will have to pay the full adult fare for their journey.

Yours faithfully



John Keady

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