

**The ITM need to get back to the Department of Education as soon as possible to alert them to possible exceptional circumstances.**

**We understand that you however will need time to consult with Travellers in your area affected by the cuts as well as your local Visiting Teacher for Travellers & other key stakeholders.**

**We need you to get back to Aidan Doyle with this information therefore by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011**

**You can contact Aidan Monday- Wed @ 01 6796577 or email studentitm@gmail.com**

**The Department of Education & Skills (DES) will no longer be funding Traveller specific transport in Sept 2011. The removal of the transport was due to take place last year but the DES agreed to hold off for a year to ensure there was time for all families to be made aware of the decision.**

1) Are Travellers in your area aware that this September 2011 there will be no Traveller specific transport being operated? Yes  No

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

1A) If not has your project or the Visiting Teacher any plans to carry out work to ensure Families are aware?

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**The DES have agreed to look at supporting the costs of school transport for Travellers, where there is exceptional circumstances i.e. where its removal will create huge barriers for particular Traveller students to get to school.**

2) Do you know of any particular cases where it could be argued that the removal of Traveller specific transport for either that family (or group of families) will mean that Traveller children won't get to school and or it will act as a major barrier?

Yes  No

If Yes, please give details:

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