Improving educational outcomes for children of travelling families:

Consultation Response Form
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Please tick if you want us to keep your response confidential. ☐

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Name

Organisation (if applicable)

Address:
If your enquiry is related to the DfE e-consultation website or the consultation process in general, you can contact the Public Communications Unit by e-mail: mailto:consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone: 0370 000 2288 or via the Department's 'Contact Us' page.

Please place an 'x' in the box that best describes you as a respondent.

Please Specify:
Repealing this legislation means that parents are engaged in a trade or business that requires them to travel could not avail themselves of the defence provided by section 444(6) EA 1996. However, current provisions would still allow families that travel the flexibility to ensure that their children continue to receive education, for example through dual registration at another school while away from the home school.

1 Should section 444(6) of the 1996 Education Act be repealed?

[Checkboxes for Yes, No, Not Sure]

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you place an 'X' in the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply [ ]

E-mail address for acknowledgement: 

Here at the Department for Education we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, would it be alright if we were to contact you again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

[Checkboxes for Yes, No]
All DfE public consultations are required to meet the Cabinet Office Principles on Consultation

The key Consultation Principles are:

- departments will follow a range of timescales rather than defaulting to a 12-week period, particularly where extensive engagement has occurred before

- departments will need to give more thought to how they engage with and consult with those who are affected

- consultation should be 'digital by default', but other forms should be used where these are needed to reach the groups affected by a policy; and

- the principles of the Compact between government and the voluntary and community sector will continue to be respected.

Responses should be completed on-line or emailed to the relevant consultation email box. However, if you have any comments on how DfE consultations are conducted, please contact Carole Edge, DfE Consultation Coordinator, tel: 0370 000 2288 / email: carole.edge@education.gsi.gov.uk

Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.

Completed questionnaires and other responses should be sent to the address shown below by 22 February 2013

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