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I think that more attention needs to be paid to primary school children transitioning to secondary schools from this ward. Most are used to being in small friendship groups in village schools and then get split up sporadically with very little information or guidance provided to parents about secondary school options. This was very challenging for my children at that age. A lot depended on access to transport or religious affiliations. School transport needs to take into account all of the potential secondary schools. Children living in this ward are at a disadvantage when they join large secondary schools, they become a minority. They are at a disadvantage with regards to accessing after school clubs due to transport restrictions. They become exposed to situations that are new to them and not appropriate for 12 year olds. My daughter and son both went through periods where they had to walk 20 minutes; hang around in Stockton high street, catch two buses each way in order to access education. I suggest that ward boundaries include transport plans for children from the village ward to protect them from facing barriers to education. In addition, access to further or higher education and transport to and from needs to be considered. Therefore my comment is: when the new boundaries are drawn, please can education and transportation be coordinated effectively for children and young people; speaking as a single working mother. Thankyou

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