

Dear Parents and Carers,
Living Streets' **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

WOW is a pupil-led behaviour-change initiative where children report how they travel to school. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at **least twice a week** for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy! The badges are made in Cornwall from recycled plastic material that was otherwise destined for landfill, this years' theme is nature.

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed, and ready to learn
- **Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates**

What if we can't walk to school?

You can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Park or hop off public transport **up to ten minutes away** from the school and walk the rest of the way.

We have agreed with **Walshaw Sports Club** that parents can use their car park to park in and then walk to school from there. I will provide a map of a suggested route. You could also park by **Walshaw Cross**, or on **Neston Avenue** near the walk-through to Moyse Avenue. We hope to use the Victoria car park soon.

Our Pupil Eco-Council, working with Mrs Hudson, will be monitoring around the school, to continue to look for ways to reduce the use of cars at the start and end of the day.

We took part in an Audit of the local area earlier this year with Living Streets, this has been submitted to Bury Council. We hope that they will act to improve the quality of the pavements and roads in the area, maintain the walk-throughs, re-mark and enforce the road-markings around school and place a crossing on Scobell Street.

Please consider setting off a little earlier, leaving the car at home and walking to school.

Many thanks for your continued support, Mrs S Howard

Let's swap those school runs for school walks

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