



School Travel Plan Updates

Welcome to the St Francis' Catholic Primary School School Travel Plan Newsletter

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In the **School Travel Plan Newsletter** we will share information on a variety of school travel initiatives linked to our School Travel Plan.

The aim of the School Travel Plan, something all schools are recommended to have, is to:

- Promote sustainable travel to and from school
- To encourage use of public transport
- To promote healthy lifestyle choices through walking, scooting and cycling
- Promote safer travel on all modes of transport
- To ensure children know about Road Safety
- To reduce traffic in and around the school site, thus reducing air pollution

We will be welcoming our new **Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)** who will work alongside staff to ensure the initiatives identified in our School Travel Action Plan are carried out.

Travelling to School Ideas

Are there any travel ideas or initiatives you wish to let us know about
for next year?

Are there any issues you face on your journey to school that you wish to make us aware of?

Let the STP Team know your views.

Email office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk

(Mark emails 'STP' in the 'Subject' section)

Remember!

Where possible walk to school every day.

*If you can't walk because you live too far away, always try to take public transport
—the bus, train or tram.*

For further details please visit TFL website

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk>

Autumn 2018

Train and Travel Awareness PSHE Lessons

In the Autumn term the Junior children all watched a Transport for London video, sent to schools, on train and travel awareness, the focus was particularly in relation to awareness of dangers on tracks and level crossings. This was very pertinent to our school in relation to the level crossings we have in our local area. Staff discussed with the children how to be safe and sensible when travelling, especially near the level crossings.

We repeat this in the Summer Term as the holidays approach.



Clean Air Day – Park and Stride (1/11/18)

Today we all thought about air quality and how we can take steps to protect our environment and keep improve the air quality around our site. Many children took part in a park and stride to school day. In lessons children discussed ways of reducing air pollution, such as turning off car engines – not leaving them running when on the school site and making an effort to walk to school or park and stride. Thank you to Miss McCutchion and the Eco Warriors for organising the day.

Walking is Healthy and Fun!

Walking to school is not only good exercise, but it give you lots of time to talk to your children.

Games to Play while you walk

I spy with my little eye..

Read the signs/number plates

Count the cars/lorries

What is that letter on the sign?

Say or chant your times tables as you walk

Learn some spellings



Bike Smart Week (Week of 19/11/18)

Well done to all children and Parents who took part in our amazing Bike Week. The theme was being 'Bike Smart'.

Children focused on being healthy, and how we can improve our environment (better air quality) and our overall health and well-being by cycling, scooting and walking to school.

Children cycled or 'scooted' to school.

On Thursday 22nd some children and Parents even came early and attended a 'Bikers Breakfast' – a great time was had by all!



Healthy Schools Bronze Award

Well done to Miss Barnhurst who has worked with the teachers to achieve the Bronze Healthy Schools Award.

Our efforts to walk, cycle and scoot to school all help to keep us healthy.

Well done to everyone!

Bikeability for Year 6

Well done to all those in Year 6 who passed their Bikeability assessments in the Spring Term.

Golden Boot Month

Well done to all children and families who walked to school or made the effort to park and stride, or cycled and scooted in June!

Great Effort!

Road Safety Week 19-25th November 2018

In road safety week we learned about keeping safe on the roads and about cycling safely. The children made posters about the importance of cars slowing down for safety.

Thinking of coming to school by cycle or scooter?

Did you know we have two cycle pods for parking scooters on site? They are situated next to our covered Cycle Store.

Please do feel free to cycle or scoot to school and leave your scooters and bikes in the store area.



Car Sharing

Some of our families already car share. Please consider whether you can do this with someone.

- *It saves on petrol and reduces the congestion on the school site.*
- *It reduces pollution and improves air quality on site.*
- *It will mean speedier pick-up and drop-off times if less cars come on site*
- *Children get to socialise with friends in the car*

On-Site Safety First Reminders!

- ❖ *Drivers please do not park on the zebra crossings on site or across the neighbours' driveways in local roads.*
- ❖ *Please do not drive the wrong way around the roundabout – it is very dangerous!*
- ❖ *Leave lots of time to park and stride.*
- ❖ *Be patient when queuing and refrain from using aggressive behaviour and bad language. This is not acceptable especially when children are around.*

Please help us – improve air quality on site!

Please help to protect us all, but especially our children, from car fumes.

**If you are parked and stationary on site, please
TURN OFF your car engines.**

Please be considerate of our children, many of whom are small and in buggies. As they walk along on site, they are nearest to the car exhausts and fumes!

If you have to drive... try to park and stride!