



## 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

Our **Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)** this year are our Key Stage 2 School Councillors who will work alongside staff to ensure the initiatives identified in our School Travel Action Plan are carried out. They will share the responsibility so all have the opportunity to contribute to the School Travel Plan.

### **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](mailto:office@stfrancis.surrey.sch.uk)

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

**Remember!**

**Where possible walk, cycle or scoot 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 2022

PSHE Lessons: Road Safety Awareness

Road Safety Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

In the Autumn term the children all learned about safer travel and the importance of using zebra and pelican crossings. Junior children discussed safety and awareness around train travel too, the focus was particularly in relation to awareness of dangers on tracks and level crossings. This is 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.



Walk, Cycle, Scoot to School Week

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Well done to all children and Parents who took part in our amazing Walk, Cycle, Scoot Week. 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 collected badges for walking and park and striding and those that cycled or scooted received a special drawstring bag containing high visibility bands and drinks bottles etc. a great time was had by all!



**Bikeability for Year 6  
(2022)**

The week of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 was the Year 6 Bikeability Week. Well done to all those in Year 6 who passed their Bikeability assessments.

**Well done to all!**

**Healthy Schools**

We were awarded the Bronze Surrey Healthy Schools Award in July

Our efforts to walk, cycle and scoot to school contribute, not only to sustainable travel and the environment, but also to our health and well-being.

It is lovely to see the children walking, scooting and cycling.

**Keep up the good work!**

***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*



**Annual Golden Boot Month: June  
2022**

Well done to all those pupils and families who will walk to school and make the effort to park and stride, or cycled and scooted in June!

**Badges were awarded to those taking part!**

We look forward to next year's event.

### 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.

**Make sure you have labelled your child's scooter or bike clearly!**



### 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 keep to the 5mph speed limit on the site.*
- ❖ *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 off site and walk into school.*
- ❖ *Be patient when queuing and refrain from using aggressive behaviour and bad language and hooting car horns. This is not acceptable at any time and 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!***