



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, 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 2020

PSHE Lessons: Road Safety Awareness Road Safety Week 14th to 18th December 2020

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 14th to 18th December 2020

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 (2021)

The week of 19th April was the Year 6 Bikeability Week. Well done to all those in Year 6 who passed their Bikeability assessments.

It was also a real pleasure to have many of our old Y6 pupils (now Y7s!) back at school during the week of the 12th April 2021 in the Easter holidays. Their 2020 sessions were cancelled due to Covid restrictions, so it was great that they could come back to take their lessons and assessments.

Well done to all!

Healthy Schools

We are currently working towards the newly launched Surrey Healthy Schools Award. 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 has been lovely to see the increase, over the Covid period, in children scooting and cycling to school.

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



Golden Boot Month: June 2021

Good luck 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!

There will be badges to collect for those taking part!

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 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 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!