

## Travel to St Mary's CE School



Parking at the school is very limited therefore Parents should use the car parks at the Honeybee Public house and behind the Co-op and walk to school.



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### Why Walk to School

Walking is a great way to get to school. You get plenty of fresh air and time to talk to your family. Maybe you could arrange to meet up with other families and walk with your friends.

Walking can be good to gather your thoughts and get you ready for the start of the day, or let off steam at the end.

Remember, if you are walking you are exercising, which is good news for your health as well. And don't forget that walking is also good for the environment, helping to cut traffic congestion and pollution.

Try creating an informal walking bus to share the walking across the week.



### Park & Stride

Park & Stride is a scheme where parents/ carers park a short distance from school and walk the rest of the way. This is ideal for those who live too far away from school to walk or who need to continue their journey to work or another school.

Next time you drive, try to park and stride from suitable places outside our walking zone and walk or scoot the rest of the way to school. You may even find it takes you less time than trying to find somewhere to park near the school gates.

*'I love walking home with my mum and big sister and chatting about school'*



### Active Travel

What is active travel? Walking, cycling, scooting, and Park & Stride are all excellent forms of active travel. They are all easy ways to increase daily physical activity and help maintain a healthy weight. Children who travel actively to school also gain valuable life skills such as road safety and, as they get older, learn to travel independently. They also reduce their risk of developing health problems such as type 2 diabetes, asthma and even mental health disorders.

By choosing active travel, the journey to school counts towards the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity for children. People who are active feel fresher and healthier through the day. They are also less likely to take time off sick and are more likely to be productive.

Some parents and carers find it hard to fit in active travel for school every day, so why not try to walk, cycle or scoot once or twice a week, or Park & Stride instead.

### Footsteps to Road Safety

Footsteps is a road safety programme for young children which develops awareness of roads and helps them live safely alongside traffic. Parents, grandparents, and carers can all help deliver this programme - if you'd like to get involved then please contact your school office.

There are lots of helpful resources on [www.talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk](http://www.talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk)



### Modeshift STARS Plan

Modeshift STARS is a national schools' award scheme. It recognises schools who demonstrate excellence in supporting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel.

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