



Travel to
Abbey Meads
Community
Primary School

Modeshift STARS is a national schools award scheme supported by the Department of Transport. The scheme recognises schools that demonstrate excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. There are three award levels – bronze, silver and gold, which are valid for one, two, and three years respectively. Find out more at www.modeshiftstars.org

Abbey Meads School achieved:



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Why walk to school?

Walking is a good form of exercise. Children that walk to school often arrive more relaxed and ready to learn. Walking can be good to gather your thoughts. If you have had a hard day, walking home can give you time to let off steam.

Walking to school can be a good time to talk with your family. You could also arrange to meet up with friends and walk together to make it a social occasion. Walking is good for the local environment and helps reduce congestion and pollution.

Cycle or scooter to school

We have installed bicycle storage and 'Scooter Pods' to keep your scooter safe. Our perimeter fencing means your bike or scooter will be secure, you could even bring your own lock to be extra sure.



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Our School Travel Plan

Our travel plan aims to reduce the congestion that takes place daily around the turning circle near Abbey Meads Community Primary School, during these periods at the start and end of the school day. Teachers, governors, parents and child travel ambassadors are all working together to promote walking, cycling and scootering; aiming to reduce the number of cars on the school run, so reducing congestion and pollution.

It is dangerous to park on the pavement and zig-zag/yellow lines.

'Getting to school earlier means we get more time with our friends.'

Carry out the Pedometer Challenge

Wear a pedometer on your journey and measure how many steps you take getting to school. Try increasing this every week by varying your route, you will feel much healthier and alert. Ask your friends to do the same and challenge each other to see who can record the highest number of steps.

Can you find a route which is safer than the one you use?

If so share it with others.

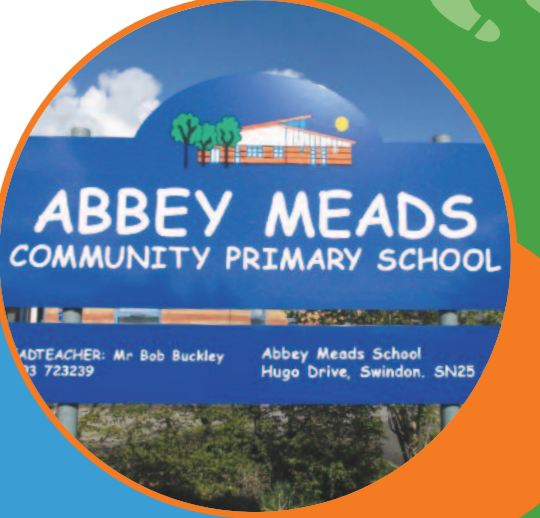


Park & Stride

If you live outside the walking zones, please try using nearby car parks such as the Tesco car park and walk to school from there. This car park is available for families to use at the beginning and end of the school day and conveniently there is an alley from the car park directly into Abbey Meads Community Primary School, which also ensures you don't need to cross any roads!

Parking outside or close to the school causes congestion and actually makes the road more dangerous for other users. It can make it difficult to get children on and off school coaches safely. It also creates more pollution and obstructs the road for local residents. Parking close to the school also obstructs the view of our Crossing Patrol Officer making it more difficult for her to supervise families crossing the road safely. Congestion often causes children to be late for school, and families late for work! Please park and stride and allow enough time to walk to school, you could even wave to your friends still sitting in the traffic!

Park and Walk - take time to talk!















It's much better getting to school by either bike, scooter or walking because you get daily exercise.



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KEY

-  School entrance
-  School Crossing Patrol
-  Footpath
-  Public right of way
-  Cycle path
-  National Cycle Network route
-  Local bus stop
-  Zebra crossing
-  Pedestrian crossing
-  Toucan crossing
-  Subway
-  Bridge



We have cycle storage racks to encourage children to cycle to school.

Walking is the healthiest way to get to school, you get fresh air and don't pollute the planet.

5 Minute Zone

If you have to travel by car to school, please try to park outside our 5 minute zone, with care and consideration for local residents.

If you live inside the zone we encourage you to walk or cycle to school at all times. Even if you need the car to go on to work, it may be quicker and easier to leave it parked at home, and pick it up after doing the school run.

Pupils from our school have helped to develop this project and have walked the routes to prove that it only takes five minutes!

