



Travel to Red Oaks Primary School



Why walk to school?

Research shows that children who walk to school arrive in a calmer frame of mind, ready to cope with the day ahead.

Here are 6 reasons why you should walk to school:

1. Walking to school is a good form of exercise.
2. It will give you the chance to talk to your child about their day and enforce some road safety messages.
3. No more hassle of school parking; we know how crazy our car park can be, so walk and beat the traffic.
4. Walking to school means one less car on the road reducing congestion and pollution.
5. 20% of all rush hour traffic is made up of people doing the school run.
6. Even if you live out of the school's catchment area there is nothing to stop you parking a reasonable distance within our '5 minute walk zone' where it is easier to park, and then walk the rest of the way.

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

Car Park Chaos News Snippets

'We've been having problems in the car park again' May 2015 newsletter

'Unfortunately we have had accidents in the car park with cars being bumped in the last week or so...' October 2015 Newsletter

'Please do not double park/block other cars in as we have had many incidents...' November 2015 Newsletter

'We have had another near miss in the car park when a car mounted the kerb and very nearly hit a child...' January 2016 Newsletter

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

Car Park Chaos!

As a school we are aware of the constant problems arising from our car park. Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes as we cannot add or remove parking restrictions.



So what can you do to help?

The majority of car park issues are caused by congestion and overcrowding. We do not have enough car parking spaces for everyone who attends the school to park their cars. So why not think about walking, scooting or cycling to try and help ease this issue and look after your health and the environment at the same time?

Could you be walking to school?

Our 5 minute walk zone is designed to show you just how far (or not) it is to walk to school. If you are living out of this area and feel that you have no choice but to drive, then perhaps you could drive to an area within our 5 minute walk zone and walk from there. This will give you some extra quality time with your child, provide you both with exercise and in turn you would be alleviating a lot of congestion in the car park, making it a safer place for you and your children.

Give it a go!

Walk, Scoot or Cycle?

Walking may not be your favourite way to get to school so why not try something new like scooting or cycling? We have great facilities for keeping your scooters and bikes safe at school in our scooting park and cycling sheds. Scooting and cycling with friends is great fun, whatever the weather.



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



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

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