



Road Safety

Secondary Transition



Information for Pupils

Moving on up to your next school can sometimes be a worrying time.... There are lots of things to think about... one of those things is travelling to school yourself... sometimes for the first time. You maybe travelling by bus, on foot or cycling. Travelling independently can be fun but you should always try to think how you can do it safely.

For any journey you need to do lots of preparation – planning how you'll get there, what to take with you, what to wear and what you need to buy. So now is your chance to talk to your family and get organised.

Your new school is probably further away from where you live and it is important to plan and practice your new journey to school ready for September.

Talk about it together... What is the best way to get there?
Read the bubbles together, then shade in the ones you will need to think and talk about

Can I walk with friends/
where will I meet them?

Who will drive me?

Where am I going?

Is my Jacket bright enough?

What is the quickest way?

What time does school start?

Is the route lit?

Do I need a bus pass?

Is there a school bus?

Is there a bike shed?

How am I getting to school?

Where is the bus stop?

Is there a safe route? With pavements?

Do I know how to check my bike is safe to ride?

How much does the train/bus cost?

Where can I leave my helmet?

Should I get a bike lock?

What time do I have to leave?

Will I get a lift home?

Can I remember how to cross safely near parked cars / junctions>

How long will it take?

Investigate possible routes to your new school with your parents. Which is the safest and which is the quickest? Which one you choose and why? Produce a travel plan and use a map with highlighted route (you could include photos, sketches, diagrams of possible hazards you may encounter

Now write down your plan on how you will get to your new school and home

My Journey Plan.

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Once you have decided the safest and quickest way to and from school, practice your journey to school during the school holidays. First with family and then with friends. If you need to do it on your own ensure your parents know what you are doing and follow their advice. If you do this, how long will your journey take you? What time will you need to leave for school each morning. Wear a watch so you don't lose track of time!

How long did the journey take you?.....

What time do you need to leave the house?.....

(remember that there might be more traffic in September so leave some extra time)

Getting organised

Your safety is very important and will be one of the things your family will worry about. Agree together what your rules will be to make sure you are safe and healthy and what you are or are not allowed to do on your journey to and from school.

Think about:

- ★ Crossing Roads
- ★ Cars Seeing you easily
- ★ What time you will get home
- ★ If you are late
- ★ Going to the park
- ★ Who will be at home?
- ★ Using your phone
- ★ Going into shops
- ★ Going to other people's houses
- ★ What to do if.....
- ★ Texting or ring ng if you are going to be late

OUR safety rules.....

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Useful Weblinks

Roadwise Website: Remembering the Green Cross [Code](#)

Think Website: Map your [journey](#)

Think Website: First Journeys [Video](#)

Think Website: Take the lead [PDF](#)

Think Website: Cycle Safety [Tips](#)

Notes for Parents

Parents are responsible, in law, for ensuring their child attends school. If it is not possible to walk to school because of the distance involved, you could consider using a local authority bus (if travel assistance is available), public transport, cycling or car sharing. Most schools have school travel plans and are working with parents to reduce their car use.

For information regarding travel assistance to secondary schools or apply please view our School Transport Information and Application [web](#) page. If your child does not qualify for help with home to school travel, parents are responsible for making the travel arrangements and meeting the cost.