Dear Parent/Carer,

Please take a moment to read this leaflet and think about how your children travel to school and be sure to take a look at the School TravelWise website.

With the current focus on children's health, the obesity crisis and reducing CO2 admissions to help the environment the way you choose to travel to school has never been more important.

Schools are working hard to reduce congestion and benefit their pupils' health and wellbeing so it would be fantastic if you could consider your methods of travel and take a look at the School TravelWise website with your child.

Think about sustainable travel to school.

For more information related to school travel plans, School TravelWise or planning your route to school please contact your local Road Safety Team on **01384 812067** or e-mail **rsafety.due@dudley.gov.uk**

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A guide for parents

Each education establishment currently has or is working on a School Travel Plan. The aim of the travel plan is to result in benefits for pupils, parents and the wider community: it will assist pupils and parents in identifying healthy and sustainable transport options and help to reduce the number of cars on the road at peak times. In addition it will contribute to the improvement of the environment around the school.

What can you do to be TravelWise?

- Encourage your child to walk to school where possible; it will develop your child's road safety awareness and will help to keep them fit and healthy to.
- Park and Stride; we understand that some of you live to far away to walk the entire journey to school. If so you could 'park and stride'. Park and stride is simple, all you need to do is park a little bit further away than you normally would and allow your child to walk the remainder of the journey. You could park on a nearby car park or a couple of streets away from the school.
- How about car sharing? If you have to travel to school by car it may be an idea to find out if any pupils in your child's class or within other classes in the school live close to you. If they do car sharing may be the thing for you. If several of you travel in one car it reduces the congestion outside schools and this helps to keep everyone's children safer.
- Cycling to school; does your child cycle? If so how about letting your child cycle to school. A lot of schools now have cycle storage facilities (particularly secondary schools) where your child can safely store their bike for the duration of the school day.
- Why not ask your school about cycle training, Dudley Council's Road Safety Team offer free cycle training to pupils attending schools within the Dudley Borough.

Want to plan your route to school? Visit **www.schooltravelwise.org.uk**

School TravelWise is a fun and exciting website that enables pupils and parents to plan safe and environmentally friendly routes to local schools. The website includes cycle routes, bus routes, walking routes, pelican and toucan crossing locations as well as school crossing patrol points and operation times.

All primary schools, secondary schools , surestart centres, pupil referal units and colleges within the Dudley Borough are listed on the site. To print off directions or a route map all you need to do is select your school and then type in your home postcode, once you have done this the site will give you directions, a map, a journey time and details of the amount of calories that you will burn during your journey.

If you are catching the bus to school the TravelWise website will show you the location of bus stops, tell you the number of the bus that you will need to catch, what time the buses arrive at the bus stop and how long your journey will take.

Take a look at the School TravelWise website now and plan a route to your new school

