

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. There will be an assembly for the children on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and we will be launching the initiative on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

The WOW – year round walk to school challenge is being delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking who want to get as many children as possible experiencing the benefits walking to school brings.

Wow rewards children who walk to school at least once a week with a collectible badge each month. There are 11 badges to collect across the year and daily journeys are logged by pupils on our interactive WOW Travel Tracker, accessed through the school's whiteboards in the classroom.

### **What are the benefits of walking to school?**

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

### **What if we can't walk to school?**

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can park and stride to earn your WOW badge. Park or hop off public transport at least 10 minutes away from school and walk the rest of the way.

Join us, thousands of schools and around one million pupils enjoying the benefits of walking to school across the UK. If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Mrs M Hill or for more information visit:

[www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool)

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Hill