

2nd September, 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Travel Initiative Update

Further to our initial communication about the walking bus, I wanted to update you as to how this initiative fits into the construction and handover of our temporary classrooms. Sustainable travel is integral to the opening of these classrooms on time and therefore it is vital that the Park and Stride from Donyngs is in action along with the additional provision of a walking bus from **Tuesday 8th September**.

There are different options we are asking you to consider when making a decision on how you and your child will travel to and from school. These are as follows:

- 1) **Park & Stride scheme** – This involves parents and carers who have to drive to or from school, parking at Donyngs and walking the last 10 minutes with their own child/ren.
- 2) **Walking Bus Volunteer** – This involves you volunteering to help with the walking bus. You may walk with your own child and will assist with the walking bus.
- 3) **Walking Bus Sign Up** – This involves you dropping your child at the walking bus meeting point at Donyngs at the allocated time. Volunteers and a staff member will walk your child in a 'walking bus' to our school. More details about the meeting point and leaving times will follow soon.

We understand that parents may only be able to volunteer to support with the Walking Bus on certain days and will still want to be able to sign up and drop off their child at Donyngs to walk with the Walking Bus on other days. This is possible, although we do ask that if you can commit to volunteering that, where possible, this is a regular day/ few days each week. Attached is a copy of the questionnaire that was previously sent to parents. If you haven't completed this already, can I please ask that you do so and return to the school by Friday 4th September.

Please support us with these initiatives. These are crucial for the safety and wellbeing of our children and for us to be able to open our temporary classrooms on Tuesday 8th September. Also, by participating in these events – our children will benefit from walking some of the way to school and congestion around the school gates will also be reduced.

Attached is a booklet detailing all the sustainable travel options available to you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Moira Anderson
Headteacher