

School Travel Policy



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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(School Number: 840 3501)



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Our school actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk to school as this will:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- be a sustainable mode of travel which everyone should be able to benefit from

What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter, OurSchoolsApp and website at www.murton-st-josephs.durham.sch.uk
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk or use public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Public transport information
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle training (Bikeability) - this is provided to children in Y5/6, *however, children are not encouraged to cycle to school due to the incline of Church Lane and the amount of traffic using this road. The school does not consider this road as being safe for cyclists.*
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

What we ask of parents.

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walks sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked

- We have a 5 / 10 minute walk zone - we ask parents to park outside the circle indicated on the map



- Parents/carers parking outside the zone indicated on the above map will then be part of the school's 'Park & Stride' group – who are actively supporting the school in reducing the congestion outside the school.
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
- Whilst St. Joseph's Catholic Church is happy for parents to use their car park, anyone who uses this carpark does so at their own risk and are expected to follow the one way system in general use. No one parking in this carpark should attempt to move their vehicle if pedestrians (adults and children) are walking through.
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential or school driveways for any period of time.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision and the school actively discourages this mode of travel – due to potential hazards.

What we ask of pupils

- Ask your parents if you can walk to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light when walking or using public transport
- Make sure you can be seen wearing high-visibility clothing