

# THE WALKING BUS



**Swavesey Primary School**

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## Your Questions Answered

### What is it?

It's the easy, environmentally friendly, hassle-free form of school transport. It's run by School staff acting as 'driver' and 'conductor'. They escort a line of children on their journey to school, collecting pupils at pre-arranged 'bus stops' on the way.

It operates every school day - morning and afternoon.

### What's it for?

There are simply too many cars around the school at the start and end of the day. The result is congestion at the entrance, high levels of pollution and extra dangers to our children.

The walking bus is a way of cutting down the number of vehicles around the school. By reducing the number of cars, we reduce congestion on the roads and cut pollution levels.

There is also a major health benefit. Children who exercise regularly by walking to school are likely to be fitter, healthier and as a result, more alert and receptive in class.

### Is it safe?

The route to school is assessed, adult volunteers are fully trained and checked.

All passengers and volunteers wear fluorescent yellow tabards to be 'seen and safe'.

The school keeps an up-to-date register of children in the scheme. They are instructed about appropriate behaviour and safety procedures before joining the bus.

The scheme is monitored and checked regularly by the school.

### How Do I Take Part?

In order to take part you will also need to complete a 'Parental Consent Form' before your child joins the scheme.

**After that, it depends on you.**

- **You must** make sure that your child is at the agreed bus stop at the agreed time. (The bus will not wait for latecomers).
- **You must** make sure that there is someone to collect your child from the agreed bus stop in the afternoon.
- **You must** inform the school of any changes to your child's travel plans as soon as you know them.

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