



Ashmole Primary School

Summit Way
Southgate
London N14 7NP

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Dear Parents and Carers

School Travel

We have been working hard to update our school travel plan. We are aware that the local authority will install zig zags outside our primary school following the completion of the new building. Thank you to everyone for respecting the temporary no parking cones outside the school gates.

We would like to continue to encourage our parents and pupils to avoid travelling by car to school where possible. We are aiming for at least 64% of our pupils by the end of this year to travel to school in an active manner e.g. by walking, using public transport, shared car driving, by scooter or by bike. As the weather will eventually improve in the Spring and Summer we hope to see more active travel.

We have ordered new 'Walk to School Badges' and we will be giving these out to pupils that regularly walk to school over the month (for example at least once a week). These will be given out in our Celebration assemblies on a monthly basis. We recently carried out a 'Hands Up Survey' of how we travel to school and we definitely want to encourage more pupils and parents to at least walk to school once a week or park and stride (park further away from the school and walk part of the journey).

It is also important to remember that if you do have to drive, please do not leave the engine running while waiting on Summit Way. This leads to more pollution and it is not pleasant for our pupils and parents to be breathing in any unnecessary fumes.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in a recent Barnet Competition to create a poster to encourage safe parking, healthy air quality and the benefits of active travel. We will be focussing on this in February and any other posters submitted to the school office will take part in our school competition with the best entry from each class receiving a £5 book token. This school competition will run over the next two weeks.

In February, Alison Sharpe, Safe and Sustainable Travel Co-ordinator for Barnet visited our school at the end of a school day to make observations on school travel. The issues noted included: people parking on the pavement in Summit Way; parents sitting in cars with the engines running; parents crossing on the bend with a restricted view and children on scooters not getting off them to cross the road. It is important that I share these findings so that we can all work together to make coming and leaving school as safe as possible for our children. Alison is also aware of the need for zig zags and more school signs on the roads.

Thank you for your continued support with our School Travel Plan.

Yours faithfully

Mr Chris Tofallis
Head Teacher