



Reduce congestion and make it safer outside school

Join us on our Castlefield Primary School's

Walking Bus!

Wednesday - Start Date TBA

starting at 8.15 am at Trevethick Close

What is a walking bus?

An environmentally friendly and safe way of travelling to school.

Children walk to school in a group supervised by trained adults.

We used to run a successful walking bus and with enough new parent volunteer support, we can do it again!

How to be a volunteer walking bus operator?

We need parent volunteers to help operate the walking bus. If you think you could help please contact the office staff or the Headteacher. Ray Hughes, Shropshire Council's School Road Safety Officer, has risk assessed the walk. You will need a School DBS.

How do children join?

For children to join the official walking bus a consent form needs to be completed – see overleaf. There is no charge and you will be playing a part in helping tackle the congestion issue outside school whilst allowing your child to reap the valuable exercise and road safety benefits of using this service.

We will agree a start date for the walking bus. It will operate will operate on a Wednesday.

Our route and start points

- 8.15 am - Bus stop 1 – Trevethick Close
- 8.21 am – Bus stop 2 - End of Wheatlands footpath
- 8.24 am – Bus stop 3 – 2 Harley Way
- 8.29 am – Bus stop 4 – 37 Ludlow Heights
- 8.31 am – Bus stop 5 – Corner of Stretton Close
- 8.34 am – Bus stop 6 – Opposite 6 Conduit Lane
- 8.40 am – Arrive at School

I wish to register my child/ren on the Walking Bus

Name of child: Age: Year:

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My child/ren will join the bus at: (please circle)

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Please arrive 5 minutes before these setting off times.

- I realise that my child/ren's journey to school is still my responsibility although they will be using the Walking Bus. I am aware that I am responsible for personal accident insurance should I wish to be covered.
- I will ensure my child/ren is/are ready and waiting for the Bus wearing their high visibility tabard(s). My child/ren will be accompanied to the walking bus and remain with an adult until the Walking Bus arrives.
- I agree to the drop off arrangements for my child/ren at the school(s) and confirm that my child/ren is/are competent to proceed to their class from this point.
- I have disclosed below any medical conditions relating to my child/ren and am aware that Walking Bus volunteers cannot perform first aid.
- I have read the guidelines/rules and explained to my child/ren about the need for good behaviour.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Name: Telephone:

Address:

Email:

Medical conditions:

Child: Details:

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Please return to the School Office. Thank you.

Castlefields Walking Bus - Rules for Children

So that everyone enjoys the Walking Bus, here are a few simple rules for your child to follow. Please help us by discussing these with your children.

1. Always wear your high visibility tabard.
2. Carry all your things in a bag to keep your hands free.
3. Walk in pairs and don't swap partners along the way. An older child is to hold a younger child's hand and walk on the side nearest the road.
4. When joining the Bus, tell the 'driver' your name so you can be ticked off the register.
5. If you are not going on the Bus on a certain day, ask your parent to tell the Walking Bus operator.
6. Listen to the driver/conductor what she/he says.
7. Messing about is dangerous and if you do misbehave, you will not be allowed to travel with the Bus anymore.
8. Always follow the driver's instructions when crossing a road. Cross quickly, stick together. Do not straggle or run.