

Rules

All children are asked to keep safe by following the rules of the Walking Bus

These are:

- ♦ Walking on the pavement in pairs.
- ♦ Following the adults instructions
- ♦ Be aware of the traffic
- ♦ Only cross the road when told to do so
- ♦ Be polite and respectful at all times
- ♦ Be on time
- ♦ Look after each other

The Walking Bus is charged at 50p per child per day and is payable weekly online through a ParentPay invoice.

Benefits of the Walking Bus

- ♦ Children arrive at school more alert and ready to learn
- ♦ Encourages healthy lifestyles and exercise
- ♦ Children get to meet and walk with their friends
- ♦ Children gain social skills
- ♦ Children gain skills to safely walk to school
- ♦ Reduces traffic around the school

*It's fun
It's safe
It's easy
It's good
for
Everyone
and the
Environment.*



St Lawrence's
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Walking Bus





A Walking Bus is a group of children who walk to school together, accompanied by at least two adults.

It is a fun, healthy, safe and sustainable way of travelling to school. Powered by good, old - fashioned legwork, the children walk in a group along a set route, picking up "passengers" at specific "bus stops" on their journey to school. Walking Bus supervisors act as a 'driver' (adult leading the bus from the front) and 'conductor' (adult supervising the bus from the rear) at the back.

Walking to school gives primary school children a really healthy start to their day. It cuts down on car journeys - so it's better for the environment and eases local congestion.

Get your walking shoes on!

Children can experience so much on a simple walk to school and what better way to do it than with their friends in a safe and sociable way.

Younger children and babies transported in pushchairs or buggies may join the Walking Bus if accompanied by their parent or carer, however they will count towards the adult to child ratio. We also encourage parents and carers to become Walking Bus volunteers if allowing their children to actively participate.

Everyone on the Walking Bus is expected to wear a high-visibility tabard. Adults involved are also police-checked and all routes approved by the council following a risk assessment.

If you feel apprehensive about your child walking to school alone, the walking bus provides an ideal opportunity to walk to school with their friends while being supervised.

If you would like your child to be part of the Walking Bus scheme please contact the school on:

St Lawrence's CE Primary School

Heslington Road

York

YO10 5BW

Tel: 01904 806486

E-mail: office@stl.pmat.academy

Walking Bus Telephone: 07824 471585

York City Council in conjunction with St Lawrence's Primary school will:

- approve the routes by carrying out a risk assessment to determine their suitability;
- arrange road safety training for every walking bus volunteer in York;
- provide high visibility tabards to anyone who walks on the walking bus which enables road users to see the walking bus in motion and allows everyone to recognise who is on the bus;
- issue operating guidelines to parents and volunteers, containing all of the necessary information about the walking bus (there is also a consent form for parents and children to sign);
- provide employers' liability and public liability insurance, which covers all registered volunteers, as long as the City of York Walking Bus operating guidelines are followed;
- support every walking bus initiative in York to help improve the route to school.