



*“To live, love and learn
in a caring Christian Community”*

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Testimony for Travel Plan

At St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, we are totally committed to active and sustainable travel. We continually encourage our children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. As a Catholic school, we have children that live in many areas of Hertfordshire and Essex, that fully walking to school for them is not possible, however we always encourage our parents to park and stride to school. We continue to deliver many impactful initiatives throughout the academic year. This includes:

Sustans Big Walk to School Walk- we participated in the Sustans Big Walk and Wheel. We use the resources provided to teach the children the importance of active travel and how it reduces congestion and air pollution. We carried out pupil surveys daily for 10 days, and incentivised sustainable travel with class competitions.

Bikeability- Every academic year, we continue to offer Bikeability training to our Year 6 pupils to help them develop their cycling skills and learn knowledge about safety when cycling on the roads. We believe this training provides our pupils with independent cycling they can use when they move to secondary school.

School Eco Council- This year our Eco Council have been very proactive in ensuring the pupils and staff at school are aware of the importance of active travel. They have led school assemblies to promote Clean Air Day and Walk to School week and will continue to be our pupil voice for more sustainable travel.

Road Safety lessons- We have been in contact with Hertfordshire Travel team who have delivered online Road Safety training with our pupils. The younger year groups were read a story including important road safety topics such as ‘Be bright be seen’ and the Green Cross Code, followed by a Q&A session. Pupils came away with valuable road safety knowledge.

Introduction of parking restrictions in our staff and visitor car park- Restrictions have been put in place to stop vehicles from entering and exiting the car at peak times during the days. Communication was sent out to all parents and external agencies. This measure has been put in place to improve safety for the whole school community and ensure children are travelling to and from school safely.

At St Joseph’s we believe that our School Travel Plan continues to have a positive impact on our pupils and parents. This is evidenced through our annual pupil travel survey and initiatives that we implement throughout the year. As a school, we encourage all members of our community to be responsible for playing their part in helping the environment.