



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Walk to School Week: 21st - 24th May 2018

We are fast approaching 'Walk to School Week' - an event we hold every May and November.

I hope you are able to support this initiative by encouraging your child to walk to and from school each day. If you live out of the village and drive your child or children to school, you could park away from the school and walk the last half mile or so. This would help to reduce school-gate congestion whilst increasing levels of exercise and improving the health of you and your child.

Walking to school also helps develop better road sense and greater independence. Accidents do happen, but this should not deter us from going out - it should make us realise the importance of keeping alert and thinking ahead. Walking to school provides an opportunity for children to think about ways to deal with difficulties and how to stay safe. It also helps to cut pollution. We want our children to be safe, confident and independent, and walking to school is a healthy and environmentally friendly way to learn many invaluable life skills. It also provides opportunities for discussion, language development and extension of vocabulary whilst enjoying the sights and sounds of the local environment.

Hot chocolate, milk, squash and water will be served each day in the School Hall between 8.35 a.m. and 8.50 a.m. for pupils who have either walked to school or travelled by car and then walked the last part of their journey.

I hope that you can, in some way, take part in Walk to School Week and also consider walking to school more often in the future to cut down congestion outside our school and increase levels of exercise for you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Barnard-Taylor (Mrs)
Headteacher

