ASHLYNS SCHOOL



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Dear Parent / Carer

Sustainable travel

Ashlyns School is committed to ensuring that everyone travelling to and from Ashlyns can do so as safely as possible, whilst understanding the need to become more sustainable.

As part of our aim to achieve a Bronze accreditation from Modeshift STARS for showing a commitment to sustainable travel, we have recently taken a whole school travel survey. This has enabled us to set targets around lowering car use during the journey to and from school.

We already ask that students only travel to school by car if necessary. To help us achieve our target of lowering car use we ask that you consider only driving your child for part of the journey, then safely drop them a ten minute walk from school. This allows them to feel the benefits of walking to school whilst also reducing congestion around busy areas.

We would also like to promote the benefits of car sharing, which include;

- Reducing the number of cars near the school
- Improving relations with your local community
- Reducing pollution from car emissions

Parents / Carers for whom this is an option can choose how they might benefit from a car share arrangement with friends or neighbours who are currently making the same car journey.

Ashlyns students also have the option of using one of the local bus services for their journey. Please visit our website for details of bus routes. <u>Local bus options</u>.

From 20 March you will be able to apply for a Hertfordshire SaverCard, which gives half price bus travel for 11-25 year olds. Please see the Hertfordshire County Council website for more information. <u>Hertfordshire SaverCard</u>

Thank you for supporting us in embracing sustainable travel as the norm throughout our entire school community.

Yours sincerely

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