

# Living Streets Walk to School project

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

We are excited to tell you about our walk to school project that your school will be continuing to run this year with national charity Living Streets and Buckinghamshire County Council.

## **Who is involved?**

Selected schools in Buckinghamshire have been invited to participate in this project. Everyone at your school will have the chance to be involved.

## **What is involved?**

The main focus of the project will be the 'Walk over the Week' (WoW) initiative which all of your pupils can participate in.

WoW is a scheme run by Living Streets, the charity behind the national Walk to School campaign, which encourages families to walk at least part of the way to school. Children record how they travel to school each day on our interactive Travel Tracker tool. At the end of each half term, children who walked some of the way at least three times a week will receive a special collectable pin badge, examples of which are shown below.



## **What if we can't walk to school?**

We appreciate that at Little Missenden School very few children can walk to school, however, all children can participate in WoW by walking the last part. We recommend 'park and stride' where you park your car away from the school and walk from there. For Little Missenden School we suggest from the end of the pavement outside the church. Or you can car share, as every car share means one more car off the road.

## **Why are we encouraging walking to school?**

Under half of UK children walk to school and this number is decreasing, while the number of children being driven to school has doubled in the last 20 years.

If you have any questions about the programme please contact the school office, or visit [www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool) for more information. We hope that you join in with this fun project so your family can enjoy the benefits of walking to school!

Warm Regards

Living Streets