



# The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with regards to The Whartons Walking Bus service. I realise that some parents were concerned about the change in routine with the walking bus, therefore I have been working with organisers and my staff to change the morning procedures, in order to allay any worries parents may have with hand over in the morning.

### New Routine

The walking bus plus volunteers are let in to school via the front entrance and are met in the hall by two teaching assistants. The children are then taken to the cloakrooms where they remove their outdoor clothes and wait for their classes, **children will not now be going out in to the playground.**

When the classes come in from the playground walking bus, and breakfast club, children meet with their class mates and teachers and then all the children enter the classroom together ready to start the day.

I hope that the revised arrangements will encourage more children and parents to choose the walking bus service as a means of getting to school, otherwise this service may not be able to carry on.

The benefits of such a great service are many:

- healthy for the children,
- convenient for working parents or parents who would just like a break from the walk up to school a couple of days a week,
- good for the environment as it reduces the number of cars driving the school run i.e. pollution,
- excellent social opportunity for children (and their parents) to make new friends,
- kinder to our neighbours as less cars will be restricting the access to neighbouring roads,
- and last but not least, safer for all those arriving at school due to less parking and traffic to negotiate.

I do hope we can encourage more families to commit to this fantastic service.

Please consider over the half term holidays whether you too can support the walking bus service and sign up via the application form below.

Yours sincerely,  
Julia Dickson (Headteacher)



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## Walking Bus Application Form

The bus has been running for a couple of years and is a free service which is run by the Whartons parents for the parents and their children. It is a great service which has many benefits including:

- Children meet at their chosen bus stop and wait with their parent/carer to be collected by the 'bus'. This can give parents/carers an extra 30mins in the morning to get to work etc.
- Your child gets exercise by walking to school
- Eases traffic congestion around the school which increases safety for children
- Children get the opportunity to make new friends from other classes
- Parents/carers only need to commit to walking the full bus route once a week on their allocated day
- It is free to use and is run by parents, for parents and their children

The Bus Route is as follows:

- Stop 1- The Crescent/Crossways- Departs at 8.25am  
Stop 2 – The Crossways/Prince Henry's Road- Departs at 8.30am  
Stop 3 – The Crossways/The Gills – Departs at 8.35am  
Stop 4 – Wrenbeck Drive/Wrenbeck Close – Departs 8.40am

Children and helpers will be provided with their own high vis jacket which should be worn every time they use the bus.

On arrival at school the 'bus' and all the passengers enter the hall where they wait for two teaching assistants. Reception children are taken straight to their classroom where they are met by one of the reception teachers/TAs. Year 4 are escorted to their classroom to be met by their teacher/TA and the rest of the year groups are taken by the teaching assistants to their cloakroom where they wait for their class and teacher to come in from the playground. All the children then enter the classroom together.

### Walking Bus Rules

1. You must check if you are required to start at bus stop 1 on your rota day.
2. Parents/carers not due to walk must not leave their children unattended at the bus stop until the designated walkers for that day have arrived and are getting the children ready to leave.  
Please check the Facebook walking bus page regularly and make a post if:
  - You are unable to do your shift. Please arrange to swap with someone else otherwise the bus may not be able to run on that day.
  - Try to let someone know if your child is ill or you are not going to make the bus. However the bus will not wait if you are late.

Parent/Carer Details		Child's Details	
First Name		First Name	
Last Name		Last Name	
Contact number		Class	
Facebook ID		Bus Stop	
Days to walk the bus		Days to walk the bus	

Please forward drop in to the school office or to Samantha Sutton or Alice Wooliscroft who can be found in Y2 and Reception playground. Thank You



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