



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing with a plea. The Whartons walking bus has been serving the school community for many years but, unfortunately, will have to cease after Christmas due to dwindling numbers. We need an influx of just 2 or 3 new parents and children willing to join with the team to ensure it keeps going.

In an era where we are trying to encourage children to be active but also to reduce carbon emissions and congestion the walking bus is a shining example of great community action with people pulling together.

The Walking bus is a great exercise, a fabulous way for children to socialise and for parents to reduce the commitment of walking up to school every day. Parent volunteers need to commit to walking with the bus on one day each week and then their child can join the walking bus every day. This is helpful if you need to stay in for a delivery, get off to work early or just would like to miss the jostling in the playground. If you are walking up to school each day anyway please consider officially volunteering to help supervise the bus for one day.

The walking bus children get to come straight in to school at 8.50 instead of waiting in the playground. A teaching assistant escorts them to their cloakrooms or classrooms who waits with them for their classmates and teacher to arrive.

It would be a sad day for The Whartons if the walking bus had to cease. If you feel you could help please contact Mrs Clayton, who has children in Reception & Year 3, or the school office for more details or to express an interest.

Yours sincerely

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