



Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to announce that this academic year our school are taking part in an exciting walk to school initiative called Green Footsteps.

The scheme is run in partnership with Kent County Council, Medway Council, Bexley Council and leading walk to school charity, the KM Charity Team, part of Inspire Schools.

By taking part in Green Footsteps, pupils get regular exercise so that they are more alert and ready to start their school day. The scheme has already reduced school-run traffic on the roads and congestion around school gates. Children also learn vital road safety skills as they walk, cycle or ride their scooters to school. Not only does the environment improve, but Green Footsteps will be a step on the way to the school achieving Healthy School status and addressing School Travel Plan targets.

Green Footsteps is designed to run for one academic year from October to July.

- Pupils are actively encouraged to walk, cycle or ride their scooters to and from school each Wednesday, or as often as possible.
- Weekly class figures for green travel will be added to the KM School Portal website.
- Green Footsteps does not exclude families who live a long way from school. If your family has to drive to school, why not park further away than normal and walk at least the last five minutes to enable your child to take part? We call this Park and Stride.

During the school year, you will be sent exciting newsletters, which will include challenges for families to make an extra effort to walk, cycle or ride scooters to school in specific weeks. To thank families for their green travel efforts, prizes will be awarded for the classes that have the best green travel statistics in the district on that week, which could include free tickets to Leeds Castle, Pirate Cover Adventure Golf and Planet Ice ice skating rink amongst others.

You can also receive KM Link e-newsletter which includes great days out information for the family. To sign up, visit www.kmwalktoschool.co.uk.

I am looking forward to Green Footsteps and hope that you and your family will support this as well.

Yours faithfully,

Headteacher

