

Tree of Life Challenge

**How does it work?**

1. The Tree of Life is a fun and interactive way of visualising how sustainable the school is in terms of travel.
2. On the designated recording day, each pupil will be given a leaf to colour in according to how they travelled into school that day. The colours are as follows:

* Walked or cycled = dark green
* Bus/train/tram or Park & Stride = light green
* Car sharing (with other families) = yellow
* Car/taxi = brown

1. The pupils will then stick their leaves on a bare tree in the classroom (or hallway).
2. At the end of the set period, the ‘health’ of the tree is shown by the proportion of leaves of each colour (i.e. the greener, the healthier the tree).
3. Pupils can then discuss the health of the tree, feeding into lesson plans.
4. Alternatively, the challenge could become a competition between classes to see who has the healthiest tree.

**What does the school need to do?**

1. Decide the frequency of recording days, and the duration.
2. Draw tree templates and leaf templates (or get older pupils to do this as part of their art classes).
3. Discuss the implications of the ‘health’ of the tree with pupils.
4. Decide whether the school wants to award prizes for the greenest class / year group (this could be extended breaks / golden time). m