

Walking Buddies

**How does it work?**

1. This is an informal arrangement where a small group of children walk to school with one or more adults
2. Works best in streets where there is a mix of children who already walk and those who are driven.
3. The children who are currently driven join the existing walkers on the way to and from school or parents can take it in turns to walk children to school where possible.

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

1. Encourage parents and pupils to walk together to school.
2. Identify areas where children who walk live close to children who travel by car
3. Find ways to contact families living in the target areas – some ideas are:
   1. writing to parents who live in the identified areas;
   2. coffee mornings for everyone living in certain streets (although this might not attract the drivers who go on to work);
   3. presentations at parents evenings;
   4. an article in the school newsletter; or
   5. a map or poster in reception asking people to sign up as either ‘willing to walk with other children’ or ‘looking for someone to walk my child’