



Walkability - Child Pedestrian Training information

All Saint's Marsh Academy – Friday 23 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

In partnership with Devon County Council, Active Devon has developed a Child Pedestrian Training programme, Walkability. This structured initiative aims to equip children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) with pedestrian safety skills. The programme aligns with the goals of Vision Zero South West, which strives to eliminate road fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

Additionally, it promotes active travel, particularly by encouraging walking to school, which not only benefits our physical health but also reduces reliance on cars and lays the foundation for independent travel. By equipping children with pedestrian safety skills, we contribute to less congested roads around schools, creating safer and more sustainable communities.

What will my child learn?

The training is designed to improve your child's road safety skills and support the enjoyment of walking more. It involves a theory session in a classroom, followed by practical training with our instructors on local footpaths and roads. The activities are risk-assessed, and children will be fully supervised at all times. Specifically, sessions will cover:

- Identifying safer places to cross, including pedestrian crossings, junctions, and crossing between parked cars
- Understanding road signs
- Staying aware, avoiding distractions, and crossing the road using the Green Cross Code

It is important to note that the training we provide **does not** mean that your child is ready to travel independently unaccompanied. It aims to give children basic road safety awareness and skills they can practice and improve upon with your help in real-life road settings.

After the programme, it's important to have a conversation with your child about what they have learned, giving them the chance to show their understanding and practice safe road-crossing behaviours. Your child will receive additional information after completing the session for both you and your child.

The Walkability programme is covered by the school's general consent policy. If you wish to withdraw consent for your child, please get in touch with the school directly.

Should you have any questions regarding the above information, don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's school first. They will liaise with the Walkability team on your behalf.

Yours faithfully,

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