**Walking Bus**

*We hope that our Walking Bus will ease congestion and pollution around our school*

*Our aim is for our children to travel to school in a safe, healthy and environmentally friendly way*

The ‘Bus’ leaves the Co-op, Mongleath Avenue, Boslowick, Falmouth

TR11 4PN at 8.30am. Please arrive in time

The Co-Op manager has kindly agreed to allow parents to use their car park until the bus leaves at 8:30am. Children will arrive at St Mary’s in time to settle into their classes and be ready to start learning at 8:45am.

Children are supervised as they walk the short distance up the hill. This relieves congestion outside our school and ensures the children get a healthy start to the day.

If you are able to help with supervision on the bus, please inform Mrs Butterly, the ‘Driver’.

**Pupil Responsibilities**

If you want to be a passenger on the Walking Bus you must:-

* Wear your high visibility waistcoat properly
* Walk sensibly in pairs
* Behave in a safe manner.
* Carry your own bag and belongings
* Listen carefully and follow the instructions from the ‘Driver’
* Stay behind ‘the Driver’
* Stay with the group
* Avoid the road edge
* Be careful when crossing the road

**Parent/Guardian Consent**

* I understand children will walk along a pre-determined risk assessed route at a set time with responsible adults, and must wear a fluorescent tabard
* My child will always use the Walking Bus unless I inform you otherwise
* I understand it is my responsibility to get my child to school even though they may be using the Walking Bus
* I understand insurance cover provided by the school is for public liability only and does not cover personal injury
* I understand the ratio of adults to children will be 1:4 for infants and 1:6 for juniors according to school policy
* My child understands he/she must walk sensibly and follow the instructions of the ‘Driver’ and other responsible adults.
* My child understands that persistent misbehaviour will result in exclusion from the Walking Bus
* I understand it is my responsibility to get my child to the ‘Bus Stop’ at Co-Op, Mongleath Avenue, Boslowick Falmouth TR11 4PN in time to leave at 8.30am

**CHILD 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHILD 2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Contacts: Mobile\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**THE CODE OF PRACTICE**

Introduction

This code of practice outlines the aims, objectives and responsibilities of the Walking Bus Scheme

Aims and Objectives

The Walking Bus scheme is designed to enable children to walk to school in a safe and environmentally friendly way. It encourages walking which will reduce traffic and fumes near our school

Approved volunteers

Volunteers must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst with the walking bus. Approved volunteers must be over 18 years of age. Queries regarding the suitability of volunteers should be referred to the Headteacher. The ratio of children to volunteers must be 4:1 Infants & 6:1 Junior. All approved volunteers must wear high viability tabards when with the Walking Bus.

Insurance

Insurance cover is provided by Plymouth CAST for all persons engaged in the Walking Bus and is for Public Liability only. This is a limited policy and does not cover personal injury accidents.

Accidents

In the event of an accident involving the children the Headteacher or person with overall responsibility must be informed immediately and an accident form completed.

Responsibilities

It is the parents/guardians responsibility to ensure their children arrive safely at and are collected from the designated ‘Bus Stop’ at the specified times

Routes

The Walking Bus must not deviate from the risk assessed route

Parent/Guardian Consent

This must be signed and returned to school prior to a child using the Walking Bus