Frequently asked questions

How do I know that my child will be safe?

- The route will be risk assessed and registered with Stoke-on-Trent City Council. Training on the route will be provided for all volunteers. Children and adults will be provided with high visibility jackets. All volunteers will have a criminal record check through the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and there will always be two adults with the group.

Do children actually enjoy walking to school?

- Yes they do! The really enjoy chatting to friends on the way to school. Parents also have the chance to get to know each other. We can also supply certificates for schools to reward children for the number of miles that they have walked.

Will it REALLY make any difference to children's health and the environment?

- In time, the little things that we do all add up to make a difference.
- Even a short walk of half a mile to school each day during a single school year will save the average driver over £60 for the return journey, plus the cost of wear and tear on the car.
- Even a small group of 10 children who would have been driven over that short distance will save 120kg of CO_2 over the same time.
- We have also calculated that the calories burned by a child over the same time are equivalent to those in nearly 20 "Happy Meals" from a certain well-known fast food chain!

What if it rains?

- The chance of rain on the short journey to school may not be as high as you think. If a walking bus is set up in your school we will approach local businesses and ask them to sponsor some bright umbrellas for when it does rain.

Even small steps can make a BIG DIFFERENCE...

Find out more about Walking Buses this way