

The National School Travel Awards

The Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council supports schools to participate in Modeshift STARS: the national schools awards scheme which recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking, wheeling and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme, supported by the Department for Transport (DFT) encourages schools across the County to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. Every school in Hampshire can participate in Modeshift STARS for **free**. This includes support and training by our team.













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What will STARS deliver for your school?

- Accreditation framework so your school can audit the travel planning activities you have done to date and gain awards over five levels: Approved (Green), Good (Bronze), Very Good (Silver), Excellent (Gold), Outstanding (Platinum) to achieve an online School Travel Plan. Your school may have the opportunity to be selected for the annual Modeshift National and/or Regional STARS Awards (Early Years Establishment of the Year, Primary School of the Year, Secondary School of the Year, All Through School of the Year, and SEND School of the Year). Brockenhurst Church of England Primary School and The Waterloo School are the 2024/2025 winners of the Local Authority STARS Schools of the Year for Hampshire and the STARS South East Schools of the Region.
- Effective planning tool to achieve your school's objectives and monitor your success in increasing the number of pupils and their families who regularly walk, wheel, cycle and use other forms of sustainable travel on the school journey.
- A celebration and promotional tool that reaches beyond your school informing the wider community of your commitment to improving safety and air quality in the local area, by encouraging reduced use of car travel where possible and promoting sustainable travel to your pupils and their families.
- Why not get started now? Take a look at the My Journey Hampshire website https://myjourneyhampshire.com/stars-training Here you can access the STARS training films which all have subtitles and clear instructions on how to use the system.
- To gain STARS accreditation, participating schools conduct an annual 'hands up' survey where pupils are asked 'How they travel to school?' and 'How they would prefer to travel to school?'* This gives a good insight into actual **travel trends** and how pupils would like to travel. The data helps schools to set **realistic targets**. By having a sequence of Hands Up Surveys, this also helps schools to visually **see how their participation in events/initiatives is impacting on modes of travel.**

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^{*}note there is separate guidance on the 'hands up survey' for SEND schools.



Total number of STARS accredited schools in Hampshire (updated December 2024)



Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	6	Hart District Council	3
Eastleigh Borough Council	14	New Forest District Council	45
East Hampshire District Council	10	Rushmoor Borough Council	10
Fareham Borough Council	7	Test Valley Borough Council	13
Gosport Borough Council	6	Winchester City Council	10
Havant Borough Council	10	Hampshire total	134

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STARS accredited schools Autumn Term 2024

School	Level
Barncroft Primary School	Approved (Green)
Barton Farm Academy	Approved (Green)
Bursledon Federation of Bursledon CE Infant School	
and Bursledon CA Junior School	Approved (Green)
Chandler's Ford Infant School	Approved (Green)
Crofton Hammond Infant School	Approved (Green)
Cupernham Infant School	Approved (Green)
Deer Park Secondary School	Approved (Green)
Fairfields Primary School	Approved (Green)
Froxfield C E Infant School	Approved (Green)
Kings' School	Approved (Green)
Lydlynch Pre School	Approved (Green)
Pinewood Infant School	Approved (Green)
Sarisbury Church of England Junior School	Approved (Green)
Shakespeare Junior School	Approved (Green)
South Farnborough Infant School	Approved (Green)
The Cambridge Primary School	Approved (Green)
The Hayling College	Approved (Green)
Tiptoe Primary School	Approved (Green)
Bordon Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Four Marks Church of England Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Greatham Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Hatch Warren Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Hiltingbury Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Knights Enham Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Lydlynch Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Marchwood Church of England Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Marchwood Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Milford-on-Sea Church of England Primary School	Good (Bronze)
New Milton Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Oak Lodge School	Good (Bronze)

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Oakfield Academy	Good (Bronze)
Orchard Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Riverside Community Special School	Good (Bronze)
Stoneham Park Primary Academy	Good (Bronze)
Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School	Very Good (Silver)
Talavera Junior School	Very Good (Silver)
Western Downland Church of England Aided Primary	
School	Outstanding (Platinum)

For the full list of ALL Hampshire schools currently accredited, go to: https://myjourneyhampshire.com/stars-schools



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A focus on: Lockerley Church of England Endowed Primary School, Lockerley.

Demonstrating how a school can still successfully engage in Modeshift STARS despite the challenge of location.

Lockerley Primary School joined Modeshift STARS in 2016. The school currently holds an Outstanding (Platinum) level Travel Plan.

The school is situated in a rural location, surrounded by small country roads with a lack of pavements. The school also has a very wide catchment area which is also rural in nature. This translates into a high proportion of families travelling to school by car. However, despite the more challenging location, the school still work hard to:

- encourage active travel on the school journey where possible,
- strive to ensure the parking at/near to the school is safe, considerate and legal,
- embed a love of walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling into the narrative and ethos of the school with a hope that this will translate into lifelong healthy habits.

To expand further:

Encouraging active travel on the school journey where possible:

The school has encouraged active travel on the school journey by regularly participating in events such as <u>Walk to School Week</u>, <u>Walktober</u>, <u>The Clean Air</u> <u>Scooter Challenge</u> and so on. Those that are able to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle all or part of the way are encouraged to do so but the events are also often adapted to ensure all pupils can take part by for example: Walktober 2024, pupils participating in a daily Golden Mile within the school grounds and Year R and 1 receiving balance bike training from the <u>Junior Road Safety Officer</u> Team (JRSO's).



We are taking part in Walktober this term! By travelling actively and/or sustainably throughout October, we can all get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet. We hope as many of our pupils and staff as possible can get involved by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting or using Park and Stride.

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Walk to School Week 20th-24th May

As next week is 'Walk to School Week' the JRSOs led an assembly today introducing the importance of safely walking to school as it provides an opportunity to teach important road safety skills and encourages a healthier lifestyle. I hope that you will support this week and encourage your child to walk to school.

If you are unable to walk to school, why not park on the other side of Butts Green and walk across, or walk 3 circuits of the school playground when you arrive.

There will also be the opportunity for the children to walk circuits of the playground at lunchtime.



Striving to ensure the parking at/near to the school is safe, considerate and legal:

The school has a real focus on improving safety around the school entrance. For example, Butts Green had become in a poor condition meaning parents/carers could not park on the green so were parking on the zigzags, junctions, blocking driveways and causing congestion on the roads surrounding the school. The JRSO team contacted the Parish Council raising the issue. They were invited to a Parish Council meeting and as a result of their work, the green was refurbished.

The team has also run a railing slogan banner competition. See below for the winning slogan!

There is regular road safety information in the school newsletter. See an example below of a zigzag reminder.

There is much learning on road safety, for example, the school has good links with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and has visits from their Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who inputs on keeping safe on/near the roads. The school also takes part in Hampshire County Council's Virtual Road Safety training (Year 2). There is participation in linked road safety events such as Be Bright Be Seen event.



JRSO Parking Banner Competition



Thank you to all the children who entered the competition to create a slogan for a parking banner. The winning slogan was 'Be cool, don't park on the zig-zags outside of our school!', which was written by Olivia D. Look out for our new banner, coming soon. Well done Olivia!

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Embedding a love of walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling which will translate into lifelong healthy habits:

The school strives to develop the love of active travel for the longer-term. For example, encouraging families to share outdoor activities they have participated in outside of school and hosting 'Family Adventures' such as walking at Bentley Woods looking for evidence of wildlife and making journey sticks.

The local community is also instrumental to this aim, for example, linking pupils with the local walking group on a litter pick around the local area, developing a respect for the community whilst also learning about road safety.

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The whole school also regularly walks to the village church and this requires walking along roads with either narrow or no pavements. The school uses these trips as great opportunities to practice all they have learnt about keeping safe near/on the roads.

Pupils are also given opportunities to develop the confidence to use public transport, for example taking the train from Romsey train station to Southampton and using the Park and Stride bus from St Catherines to Winchester town on the Winchester Cathedral trip.

The Junior Road Safety team at Lockerley Primary is quite rightly, proud of their achievements to date and we know there is much more planned. They even have a dedicated page on the school website to keep their audience up to date with their activities and aims: https://www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk/jrsos/

The JRSO team told us: "We've enjoyed all the activities and hope we've made a difference to encouraging children to walk more and use the rules of road safety. We hope we can inspire others too."

Thank you Lockerley JRSOs. We too hope that reading about Lockerley Primary has indeed inspired other schools to participate in STARS and take inspiration from the initiatives and their results!

Keep up the good work!

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