



Dear Parents & Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans **Big Walk and Wheel 2022** (the new name for Big Pedal), the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **21 March to 1 April**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

#### What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

#### Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know there may be things which make it more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact me via the office and we will make sure that there is a way for your child to take part.

**Children will record their activity as usual on their Travel Tracker, but we want to see if even more children than usual can make their way to school (and home again!) without a car. Don't forget that if you live outside the village and need to drive in, it still counts if you park away from school and walk the last bit.**

#### Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.

We want to celebrate how amazing the children have been- taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and learning about the amazing benefits of active travel.

#### Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk). Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

*Mrs Brewer*