

# St Thomas' C.E. Junior and Infant School

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Dear Parent / Carer / Children,

St Thomas' School will be joining other schools across Wigan in a "Walk to School" week starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Walk to School Week is celebrated across the world. Not only will other pupils in Wigan and across the UK be taking part; there will also be pupils all over the world walking to school at the same time. Countries include Argentina (South America), Pakistan, Nigeria (Africa) and Wales.

## Why Walk?

- Walking keeps you healthy and fit.
- If you walk to school you can chat with your family along the way
- You can put your road safety training into practice
- If you walk to school instead of travelling by car there will be fewer cars parked around the school. This is safer for children.
- Car exhaust pollution is bad for the environment and for us.
- You can see more of your local area.
- Walking is free; parents have to pay to drive cars.
- Walking to school wakes you up and you'll be ready to start your lessons.
- Even if it's raining, you can still walk to school – but don't forget your raincoat!
- Remember! If you live too far away from school to walk, then try to 'Park and Stride!', this means parking at a local car park or another area away from the school and walking to school from there.

The children will be receiving a "passport" nearer the time to record how many times they have walked to school, and there will be a certificate of achievement at the end.

We do hope that you will join us in this initiative and we thank you for your continued support.

St Thomas' Eco Team

