

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to inform you Aqueduct Primary Academy have agreed to take part in a new project in partnership with the Travel Telford Team at Telford & Wrekin Council.

From October 2024 your child's school will be taking part in 'A New School Journey.'

This programme has been developed for several reasons including:

- Improving road safety outside of school.
- Easing congestion.
- Encouraging more active travel to/from school.
- Reducing emissions.

We are aware of a number of road safety concerns around Aqueduct, and we hope that by working in partnership with parents/carers, pupils and the school, we can alleviate these concerns.

However, this can only be a success if we work together, as a team along with the school. We understand that some parents/carers have no other option but to drive to school. This could be for many different reasons including; work commitments, distance, multiple drop offs etc and we are realistic that some mornings even if you live close enough to walk, there are reasons why you may need to take the car.

All we are asking for is **one small change**. As a minimum we ask that you either Park and Stride (park away from the school entrance, ideally a 10 minute walk away) scoot, cycle, wheel or walk to/from school at least once a week.

Aqueduct Primary Academy has been selected to take part in this project, due to its commitment and passion for encouraging active travel to and from school. The Travel Telford team has previously worked with the school to deliver programmes such as Pedestrian Training and we will continue to provide programmes like these, alongside others to help pupils understand the importance of active travel and road safety.

We also hope to hold themed travel to school days, group walks to school and we have worked in partnership with staff, to ensure every year group will have an Active Travel and Road Safety workshop to take part in.

You will also be kept up to date with what is happening in school via our new team of Junior Road Safety Officers, who will be working with the Travel Telford team and school staff to promote important road safety messages, as well as running competitions in school and taking part in assemblies.

We will soon be carrying out pupil and parent/carers surveys and we would love to hear your thoughts, so please do take a few moments to fill in the survey when it is sent out.

If you need to get in touch, you can reach us via [roadsafety@telford.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@telford.gov.uk)

More information will follow over the next few months but for now we look forward to starting A New School Journey with you.