

Proposals to encourage pupils to  
travel actively to school in  
September

# Travel Survey

- A third of all journeys prior to Covid-19 were made by children travelling to school. With 2m social distancing in place, capacity on London buses is around 15 per cent of pre-Covid-19 levels.
- Therefore, the Department of Education and Cabinet have asked local authorities to work with Schools to encourage pupils to travel actively and avoid public transport where possible.
- The Minister for Roads, Buses and Places has asked all Primary School pupils and parents to complete a travel survey before the Summer Holidays – the Waltham Forest survey can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/WFSchoolTravel2020>

**Please can you share and promote the survey to your pupils and their parents so we can begin monitoring travel and working to increase active travel.**

# Proposal background

Through the Enjoy Waltham Forest programme and the Behaviour Change Team's previous work with schools, we know there are barriers to pupils walking and cycling to school:

- Confidence/knowledge of cycling,
  - Bike maintenance,
  - Bike security,
  - Personal safety,
  - Access to a bike,
  - Knowledge of local area.
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- Therefore, we have compiled a list of initiatives and resources to share with Schools to tackle overcoming these challenges.
  - We are looking for input from staff and pupils on how we can deliver these proposals with the most impact and effect.

# Summer Opportunities

## Summer Cycle School

- Pupils can attend a FREE Summer Cycle School to increase knowledge and confidence when cycling,
- Sessions will initially be held in Leyton Jubilee Park due to our existing bikes being located in a secure location – other locations could be considered,
- For more information and to book a space please visit [here](#).

## Public Dr Bikes

- Dr Bikes are FREE to anyone who lives, works or studies in the borough,
- At Dr Bike sessions experienced mechanics check everything on your bike from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more,
- This could be a great opportunity for pupils and staff to have their cycles checked over the summer before the term starts in September,
- To find out when the next Dr Bike session is please visit [here](#).

# Bike Maintenance

## Dr Bikes at School

- Dr Bikes could also be hosted at the School either the week before term starts or in the first week of term,
- To ensure these are well utilised these would need to be promoted by the School,
- If you are interested in hosting a Dr Bike session please contact – [cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk)



# Personal Safety

## Cycle the bus routes

- The Council will be producing maps of key bus routes in the borough with alternative routes which can be cycled,
- If your school has a key bus route they would like developed as a cycle route please contact [cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## Met Police/Neighborhoods team

- We will be looking at working with the Metropolitan Police and Neighborhoods Team to ensure pupils feel safe when walking and cycling to School.

# Cycle Security

## Cycle Parking facilities at schools

- Cycle parking (toast racks/Sheffield stands) can be offered to Schools,
- If your School is interested please contact: [cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## Bike Register Kits

- We can offer FREE BikeRegister kits to pupils and staff - registering on BikeRegister (a Police approved scheme) means you could be reunited with your bike in the event of it being stolen,
- If you think your School could benefit from these please contact: [cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@walthamforest.gov.uk)



# Access to bikes

## Peddle My Wheels - Try Before you Bike

- Trial a new or nearly new bike for a low, interest-free monthly fee (from £10 for kids) - if you like the bike you can purchase it, if its not for you it can be returned,
- For more information please visit: <https://www.peddlemywheels.com/try-before-you-bike>

## Second Hand Cycle Campaign

- The Behaviour Change Team is exploring how we can provide more opportunities for pupils to access to low cost second hand bicycles.



# Knowledge of local area

## Walking maps of area

- The Council can produce bespoke walking maps of the area around your School to highlight to pupils how close local amenities are,
- This would also be a great design or geography project for pupils to be involved in.



# Resources

- [Enjoy Waltham Forest website](#)
- [Living Streets](#)
- [TfL Year 6 Transition planning](#)
- [THINK – Road Safety resources](#)

## Programmes which could be promoted

- [Active 10 app](#) - Public Health England's Active 10 campaign to challenge all Londoners to walk briskly for 10 minutes twice a day and track progress with the app.

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