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## Settling in... Year 1

**Footsteps** is a training programme in three stages where children gain practical experience of road safety under the guidance of a tutor. We offer this training to all children in Year 1, so that as time goes by, all the children in the school will have been through the programme.

### How does it work?

Children are taken out of the school in to look at the roads close to school with a tutor holding each by the hand. In the early stages they talk about the importance of stopping, think about the difference between the road and the pavement and improve their skills of observation. As they progress, they learn the Green Cross Code and about planning safe routes.

### Where do parents fit in?

In Year 1, we will ask if any parents (from Year1) if they would like to become Footsteps tutors. These tutors receive training from our local Road Safety Officer and undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. If parents feel they can offer a few hours of their time during the school year it will be much appreciated!

The Footsteps programme is optional, and children are not taken out of school without parental consent.

## Growing up...Year 6 Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

As they mature, 2 children are elected from the Year 6 classes to act as JRSO's for the year. They have their own notice board space and every half term they receive a newsletter on Road Safety topics which

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they share with the school. They can also run competitions within school, with winners receiving special JRSO prizes.

## Safety on two wheels

Burford offers 2 levels of cycling training, using accredited trainers:-

**Biking Basics** is for children aged 7-9yrs where they will learn how to manoeuvre their bike safely and how to check for faults. This course takes place entirely within the school grounds.



**Cycling**  
9-11yr olds.  
further

**Awareness** is for  
Children learn  
cycling skills on

local roads.  
For more information on cycling courses contact  
Brid Hayward. (Details as previous).

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## I live too far to walk!

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You needn't miss out! You could...

- Park at T. J. O'Reilly's and walk (morning or afternoon)
- Drive to Marlow Bottom and join one of our crocodiles
- Arrange to car share, either with friends or by contacting Sam Kelly, our car share coordinator (01494 447890)
- All three of these!

But if you do drive, **please follow the Drivers' Code of Conduct.**



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# Burford School Travel



# Initiatives

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[www.burfordschool.com/travel](http://www.burfordschool.com/travel)

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## Putting our best foot forward

Too many parents are driving their children to school unnecessarily. It is true that, for some parents with long distances to travel, there is no alternative to the car. However, many are driving their children to school over short distances when walking is a real option. No part of Marlow Bottom is more than a mile from Burford School!

We developed the Burford School Travel Plan to address congestion around the school by encouraging parents and children to walk at least some of the way. Children enjoy walking to school. They get fresh air and vital exercise and look forward to meeting friends.



Our travel plan is nationally recognised as an example of best practice. Burford have been awarded a Level 3 'Gold' award for the second year running from Bucks County Council!

If you would like to know more, or would like to get involved in supporting some of our travel initiatives (we always need new volunteers!) please contact Burford's School Travel Co-ordinators via the school office on 01628 486655, or alternatively call:

Debs Krolikowski 07802 879022  
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Brid Hayward 07969 485926  
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## From the start... Go for Gold!

'Go for Gold' (GfG) is an incentive based scheme developed to encourage children and their parents to use sustainable travel modes for the school journey (both to and from school). This can include walking, Crocodile Trail, cycle, bus, train or car sharing.



Every child is issued with a GfG 'passport' which is stamped each morning for using a sustainable mode of transport to and from school. Children work through the GfG scheme receiving stickers and certificates along the way. The children's enthusiasm to receive awards is the key to the scheme's success.

Antje Grosswendt (Tel: 01628 487088) is Burford's 'Go for Gold' Co-ordinator. She co-ordinates a team of voluntary 'stampers' who can be found each morning in the stamping shelter close to the library.

Details of the scheme can be found in an accompanying letter, however in brief, to qualify for a stamp you must walk from at least the boundaries of the 'car free exclusion zone'. For those that live within the zone, you need only walk from your house.

Even if you need to drive part of the way, we have arranged with T. J. O'Reilly's that you may use the pub car park.

Walking to school—even if only the minimum distance—could make a real difference to your child's fitness, their alertness at school and their knowledge of road safety.

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## Drivers' Code of Conduct

Whilst we want to encourage people to walk, we recognise that some parents will have to use the car for at least part of their journey to school. We have developed a code of conduct on parking and driving that we encourage all drivers to observe.

### Our aims are to:

- Reduce congestion around school.
- Make the route to school safer for children.
- Be mindful of local residents.

The full wording of the code is listed in the parents' handbook, and you will receive a copy At the beginning of term.

**Please make sure that everyone who drives your child to or from school is aware of this code. This includes relatives, friends, nannies and child minders.**

You will be asked to commit to this Code of Practice when you sign the Home-School Agreement

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## The Crocodile Trail

The Crocodile Trail (or 'walking bus'), involves trained adult volunteers escorting groups of children on the journey to school along an agreed route. Most volunteers only have to make the journey once or twice a week, so giving them more time to themselves on their "days off". We operate 1 crocodile route from the south and welcome any child to join the crocodile whether they live in Marlow Bottom or not. Children of escorts get priority for places but we will accommodate other children when we can. We need to recruit new adult volunteers for this term, so if you would like more information about the trail, or to volunteer, please contact the School Travel Co-ordinators.

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