

# The Rosary Catholic Primary School

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7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: **The Rosary Walking Bus (committed to being a Healthy School)**

We are pleased to announce the return of The Rosary Walking Bus on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. Thereafter, it will run every **Thursday** and **Friday morning**.

The bus will be operated by:

- ❖ Designated Driver : Mrs C Nolan (Teaching Assistant)
- ❖ Designated Conductors: Mrs R Geraghty (Admin Assistant)/ Mrs D Lawrence (TA)
- ❖ Other CRB checked crew members will be dependent on the amount of 'Walking Bus' users.

The 'bus' will begin at Heston House at 8:15am and finish at school at 8:40am. We have printed the timetable and route below and it will be your responsibility to escort your child to the bus stop on time.

8:15am	Stop 1/Start	Heston House, Vicarage Farm Road
8:21am	Stop 2	Cranford Lane Junction - near Farm Pizza
8:24am	Stop 3	Corner of New Heston Road & Vicarage Farm Road
8:29am	Stop 4	Heston Library
8:40am	Finish	The Rosary Catholic Primary School.

If you would like your child to use the Walking Bus, please fill in the Walking Bus Agreement which is attached to this letter, and return to the School Office by **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Once you have completed and returned the form you will be sent a letter confirming your place together with the mobile number of the driver. **You must either text or phone this number by 8:15am if your child will not be using the bus. In addition you must contact the school, as usual, if your child will not be attending school.**

Miss A J Dodd  
Assistant Headteacher

# The Rosary Walking Bus – Guidelines

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## Parent's Responsibilities

- Parents must have completed and returned the Walking Bus Agreement before a child is allowed to travel on the bus.
- This form should also include emergency contact details and indicate the days the child will use the bus. This information will then be added to the route register.
- You must inform the driver of any change to the child's regular travel pattern, for example, if your child is not attending school, or if you have made alternative arrangements for your child that day.
- Parents are responsible for their children's safety on the way to the designated bus stops and should ensure their children are dressed appropriately.
- Parents should also ensure that their children understand how the bus operates and impress upon them the need to behave sensibly and obey any instructions given by the driver and conductor.

## How to Help Your Children

- Always use the road sensibly yourself - children will want to copy you!!
- Explain how to cross the road safely and show them how to use the crossing facilities (eg Zebra and Pelican crossings).
- When walking with your children, make sure they walk on the inside of the pavement. Hold the hands of younger children and when you're out make sure you both wear clothes that are easily seen.
- When walking on roads without pavements, walk on the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.
- Encourage and help children to make their own decisions and think for themselves.
- STOP at the kerb
- LOOK and LISTEN for traffic
- CROSS when it is safe to do so.

## Children's Responsibilities

- Children must wear their high visibility clothing when using the bus.
  - They must behave sensibly and follow instructions.
  - If they misbehave, endanger themselves or others they will be reported to the Head Teacher.
  - If the unacceptable behaviour continues the child's parents will be contacted and asked to withdraw their child from the Walking Bus.
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## Walking Bus Agreement

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### Section A: To be completed by child.

I \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ would like to join the walking bus.

I agree to wear my tabard whenever I walk with the bus.

I will listen to the adults and behave sensibly while walking the bus.

I understand my responsibilities.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B: To be completed by Parent/Carer.

I wish my child to use the Walking Bus. He/She will use the bus on:

\*Thursday only

\*Friday only

\*Thursday and Friday

**\*Please circle the days you wish to use the bus and the stop .**

I will join the bus at : Stop 1                      Stop 2                      Stop 3                      Stop 4

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the information below in block capitals:**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Before joining the Walking Bus, how did you usually travel to school?

Walk / Cycle / Car / Bus                      (Please circle mode of travel)