

Encouragement case studies

Houghton Primary School

For the children at Houghton Primary School, the Walking Bus is great - they get exercise, fresh air and can chat with friends even before their school day starts. Parents and carers also benefit; knowing that their children have arrived at school safely and on time without the stress of the usual school run traffic. All children are welcome to join the bus even if their parents or carers cannot be drivers and the service is free.

St Bede's School

Over the summer holiday the cycle parking at St Bede's School was transformed from this



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Students and staff at St Bede's school had been cycling on the school journey but on arrival had nowhere to store their bikes. Now students store their bike in a secure

place. As a result of this the numbers cycling to school have increased and there has been a reduction in students being driven to school. In fact the original provision for 100 cycle parking spaces is now beginning to look inadequate!

Little Thetford Primary School

During Walk to School 2008, pupils arriving by Walking Bus at Little Thetford Primary, were met by Spike the Road Safety Hedgehog. Spike was there to encourage more children to walk to school and say a big well done to those pupils who use the bus regularly. Matthew Grout, Safer Routes to School Project Officer said "Lt Thetford have done a really good job setting up the walking bus and it is important that people recognise the work involved. Walking to school provides children with great opportunities to chat with friends as well as becoming more aware of their surroundings. Parents and carers can also benefit as walking to school can reduce fuel costs and help to meet the recommended one hour a day of physical activity."