



19th April 2021

BIG PEDAL 2021 - WALK, CYCLE, SCOOT TO SCHOOL!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2021, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **19th April to 30th April**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way.

Or, if your child is learning from home (if needing to self-isolate at any time) encourage them to do physical activity on as many days as possible instead. If your child is taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal from home, you can let their teacher know that they have completed a physical activity by sending a message via eschools.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Pedal is a great way to get children active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate.

Covid-19 has made active travel to school is even more important. The Department for Education have said encouraging active travel to school helps "to enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing."

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Cycle, walk, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child(ren) cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin.



The Big Pedal is a Sustrans project. Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

We connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute. Join us on our journey. www.sustrans.org.uk

To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook facebook.com/Sustrans.

Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

The Big Pedal is For Everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved Sustrans Big Pedal. We know there may be things which make it more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. For example, some children may have different mobility needs or limited computer access for telling us about activity done at home. This should not stand in the way of your child(ren) taking part.

If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact your child's class teacher and we will make sure that there is a way for your child to take part.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

Please use the below link for tips on staying safe on the school run during lockdown:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2020/everyday-walking-and-cycling/how-to-stay-safe-on-the-school-run-during-lockdown/>.

We will email out information updates throughout April.

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk.

Let us get active and enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes



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