



fossoway school council

Friday, 8 May 2009

Dear Parents,

Walking Bus

We are organising a Walking Bus to encourage children to walk to school, and to try and relieve some of the car congestion around the school in the mornings.

A Walking Bus is a supervised walk of children, in pairs, from designated points at designated times. This allows parents to have their children walking to school in a safe way, without accompanying themselves.

Details:

Route: (See attached map)

Bus stops: Institute car park and North side of pedestrian crossing at The Inn

Dates: 21 & 22 May, 28 & 29 May, 4 & 5 June, 11 & 12 June

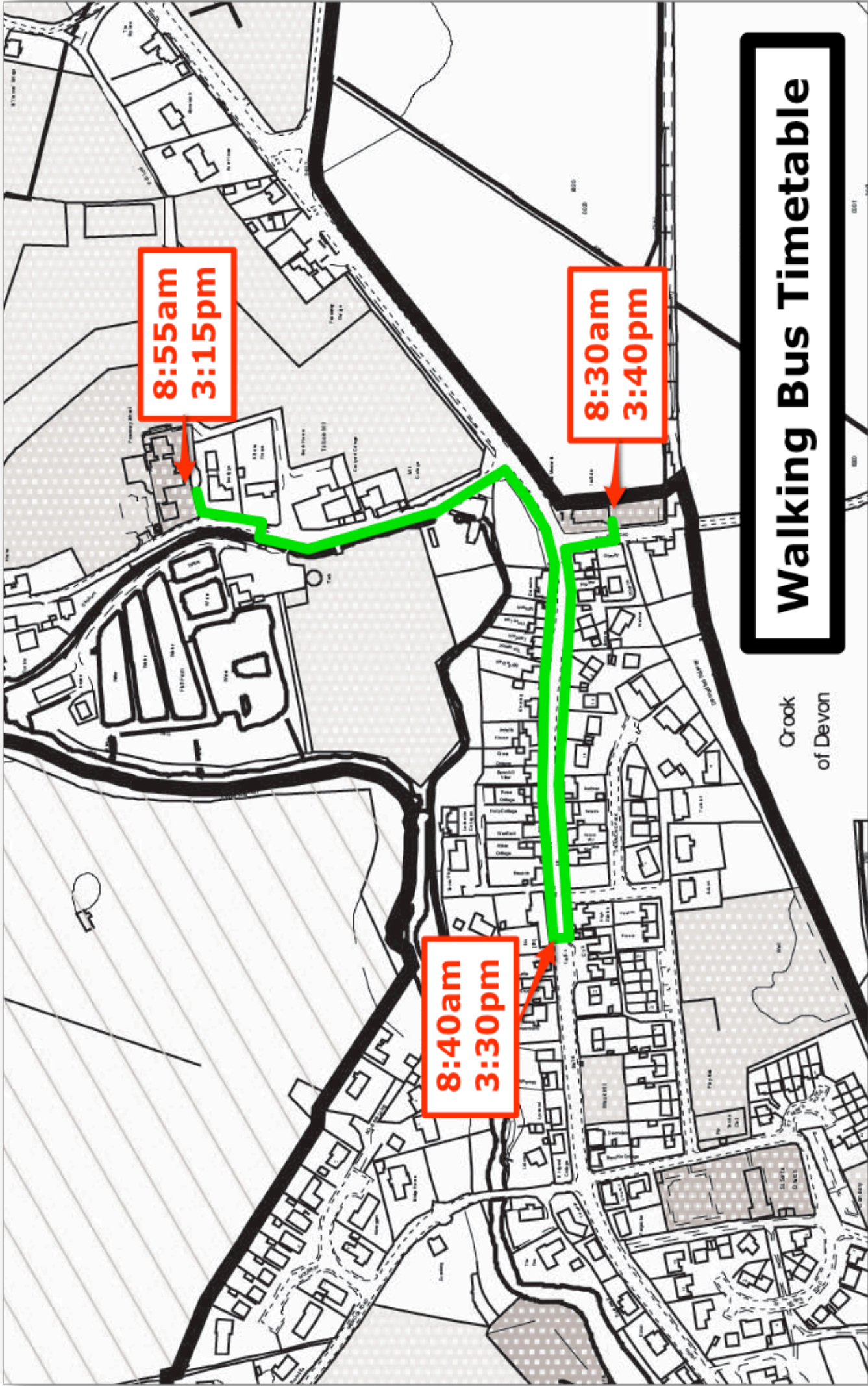
If you would like your child to come on the walking bus, please fill in the application form enclosed.

We are aiming to have a minimum of two, preferably three adult supervisors on each bus, and we therefore need your help in staffing. If you can assist, please fill in the relevant part of the form enclosed. There is a training session at the school on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00pm.

This is a pilot to see how useful and well used a Walking Bus would be. If it proves successful, we will try to extend and expand. Please support this initiative if you can.

Many thanks,

Safer Routes to School Group
Fossoway School Council



8:55am
3:15pm

8:30am
3:40pm

8:40am
3:30pm

Walking Bus Timetable

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Application form to join the Fossoway School Walking Bus

Section 1 - parents

I wish my child(ren)

Name(s) & Class(es): _____

to join the Walking Bus at (please circle one only):

The Institute Car Park / Pedestrian Crossing at The Inn

I accept that it is my responsibility to escort my child to and from this stop to meet up with the Bus at the appropriate time. I also accept that in the even of me missing the Bus time, it is my responsibility to get my child(ren) to school. I acknowledge that, for safety reasons, the Bus can only stop at the two designated stops. I will give advanced notice of amy days that my child will use the bus in one direction only.

I understand that my child(ren) will not be allowed to travel with the Walking Bus should the adult supervisors feel that their behaviour is not acceptable

Signature of Parent / Carer: _____

Date: _____

Section 2 - child(ren)

I would like to travel to school as part of the Walking Bus. I promise to behave in a polite and safe way and I will listen to the instructions given by the adult supervisors. I will pay attention, and remember the rules for the Walking Bus.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Section 3 - parent helpers

I would like to volunteer to join the rota for adults who supervise the Walking Bus.

Name: _____

Contact Tel: _____

I can / cannot (*delete as appropriate*) attend the training session on the afternoon of 12th May, 2009 at the school.

Signature of Parent / Carer: _____

Date: _____

Walking Bus Rules for Children

1. Always wear your yellow vest.
2. Carry everything with you yourself, don't take things to school you can't carry.
3. Walk in pairs, and don't change your partner whilst walking.
4. Make sure your name has been ticked off on the register sheet.
5. If you are not going home with the bus, make sure you tell the supervisors.
6. Listen to the adults, and do what they tell you.
7. Be careful at the road crossings, and listen to the instructions from the adults.
8. Don't fool around, run, or push.
9. If you misbehave, you won't be allowed back on the walking bus.

Walking Bus procedures

Children will walk in pairs, wearing high visibility vests (provided each day) and supervised by a minimum of two adults, who will have received appropriate training.

The Walking Bus will depart from the Institute car park at 8:30am. It will walk up Main Street to the pedestrian crossing, and cross the road. The Bus will pick up additional children on the North side of the pedestrian crossing, where there is adequate gathering space, and will leave from this point at 8:40am. This Bus will arrive at the school around 8:55am. In the afternoon, the reverse route will drop children off at the pedestrian crossing at 3:30pm and arrive at the Institute for 3:40pm.

There are four road crossings, outside the Institute, Waulkmill Road, Main Street, and outside the school. There are procedures for crossing roads which will be taught to the children.

Should a child not be on time for the walking bus either at the Institute or the pick up point at the pedestrian crossing, the Walking Bus will not wait, or stop. It is the responsibility of the parents to be on time for drop offs.

Should a parent not be on time at the pedestrian crossing drop off in the afternoon, their child will be taken with the rest of the bus to the Institute car park, and can be collected from here.

Any child that becomes upset during the Walking Bus will be taken to the school office on arrival at school.

Any child who misbehaves during the Walking Bus will be reported to the school office and may be refused access to the Walking Bus in the future.

Walking Bus Timetable

	Institute	Pedestrian Xing	School
Morning	depart 8:30am	depart 8:40am	arrive 8:55am
Afternoon	arrive 3:40pm	arrive 3:30pm	depart 3:15pm

There will be supervisors at the Institute five minutes before departure time, and 5 minutes after arrival. Please ensure your drop off / pick up is prompt.