

Dear Parents

### **WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

In an effort to ease traffic congestion around the school, Christchurch City Council and Pinnacle Research are working with **XXX** school to establish several Walking School Bus routes for the school.

A Walking School Bus usually has at least two adult “drivers” who walk along an agreed route, collecting all children waiting at designated “bus stops” and walking them to school. After school, they walk back along the same route. Given sufficient interest, the Walking School Bus will start operating every school day from September 1st. The service is free and a co-ordinator will organise parent volunteers to act as “drivers”. There will be a maximum of 8 children per adult and you are not required to volunteer. “Drivers” will be identified by a brightly coloured sash.

Routes will be established along those roads most used by our pupils, depending on the level of interest shown by parents and their willingness to volunteer as “drivers”. The scheme will not only ease the congestion around our school grounds, but also provides a safe and environmentally friendly journey for our pupils.

I am trying to find out whether this suggestion has your support, so I would be grateful if you would complete the questionnaire and return it to your school by **XXXXX**.

A meeting will be held at the school in mid-August to discuss the proposed Walking School Bus Scheme. You will be notified of the date via the school newsletter and your attendance and input would be very welcome.

Yours sincerely

Paul Cottam  
Safe Routes to School Co-ordinator