



School Travel News

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Healthy School Street

Gospel Oak Primary School

In January 2019, Camden launched its third Healthy School Street scheme. This follows on from the successes of the Healthy School Streets outside Acland Burghley and St Josephs. The section of Savernake Road, NW3 outside the school entrance is now closed to motor vehicles from 8.30-9.30 am in the morning and from 3-4pm in the afternoon on Monday-Friday during term time only. This makes the road safer for children walking, scooting and cycling to school, as well as improving air quality in the area and encouraging active travel to school. Headteacher John Hayes said that after the first few weeks of operation, responses to the scheme from children and parents have been 'overwhelmingly positive'.



Win a Bike! Banner Competition

A new competition for STARS engaged schools and Camden pupils will be launching shortly! Prior to entering please ensure that you have created an [account with STARS](https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/)

Prizes include a bike and accessories for the winning pupil and a banner for the school. More information coming soon...



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Awards for travel to school STARS

Camden schools have been recognised for their commitment to encouraging active, sustainable and safe travel to school.

Transport for London's north regional STARS (Sustainable, Safe Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) programme encourages children, parents and teachers to travel to school, nursery or college by walking, cycling or using public transport. The London-wide programme aims to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

Participating schools are judged on their success in promoting sustainable travel to school with bronze, silver and gold awards, depending on the number of activities they do.

Camden schools took part in Transport for London's north regional STARS schools celebration event held at the Kia Oval cricket stadium in November. Student representatives from Camden schools participated in workshops on road safety and sustainable travel and received their STARS awards.

There are currently 38 Camden schools with bronze, silver or gold STARS awards for their achievements. This figure is up 73% from the previous year as more schools commit to healthier

travel and to reducing air pollution and traffic congestion. We're encouraging more schools to sign up as part of our campaign to improve air quality across the borough.

STARS schools can expect to see a reduction in the number of trips made by car. Gold schools must

demonstrate a shift of at least 6% away from cars or at least 90% of pupils travelling to their school by modes other than a car.

We support local schools to achieve STARS accreditations by offering free initiatives such as Bikeability cycle skills training and pedestrian skills training.



Netley Primary School pupils Erica (left) and Mariam, both aged nine, celebrate with their school's bronze STARS Award

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STARS accredited school features in The Camden Magazine

Students from Bronze STARS accredited Netley Primary School featured in The Camden Magazine for their commitment to active, sustainable and safe travel to school.

Since becoming involved in STARS the school has participated in the Daily Mile – Brisk Walk challenge, installed air purifiers, monitored air quality and offered cycle skills for adults amongst other activities. They have also been successful in applying for funding from the School Travel Plan Small Grants Scheme for improved scooter parking.

Congratulations to Netley School for their hard work so far. They are well on the way to achieving their Silver STARS award this year!

New Play Street on Islip Street

A new play street in Islip St, between Peckwater and Bartholomew Road has launched. This stretch of road will be closed for the purposes of play on the second Saturday of every month from 2-5pm. There is also an existing school play street on Islip Street outside Kentish Town CofE School every Wednesday from 3-5pm. This is currently the only school play street in the Borough and we would like to encourage more. If your school has a play street, it will give you a point on STARS!

Please contact PlayStreets@camden.gov.uk for more information.



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