

Reduce car use for travel to and from school



Your team name:

> Your mission:

Reduce the number of pupils and staff travelling to and from school by car

What to do

1. You're going to work as a team to try to persuade your headteacher to take action to reduce the number of cars used by pupils and staff to travel to and from school.
2. Follow the steps set out in this workbook. They will guide you through the tasks you need to carry out for your mission.
3. This is a complicated problem. You will need to be able to see problems from other people's points of view.

Help and advice

Many organisations can offer help and advice, including:

- your local council
- Mums for Lungs
- Living Streets
- Bike is Best
- The Bikeability Programme
- TfL STAR scheme (in the London area)
- Local schools who have changed their travel policy.

1 How can we reduce the number of cars?

Use the box below to list ideas for ways to cut the number of cars used to travel to and from school.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

2 What are some of the problems with the alternatives to cars?

For each idea you've come up with, list any possible reasons why people might not want to try it or might find it difficult to swap to another kind of transport.

Idea to reduce car use	Possible problems
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

3 Why might people travel by car?

Write down three possible reasons why people choose to travel to and from school by car.

1.
2.
3.

4 How can accidents be prevented?

A lot of people don't walk or cycle to school because they think it's dangerous. Look at different routes to school and think about any safety concerns and ways to prevent accidents.

Route	Possible dangers	Solutions

5 What are the benefits of reducing car use?

We should reduce car use because...

1.

2.

3.

6 Why is car use bad for the ocean?

Think about everything you've learnt about climate change and write down your biggest reason why car use and carbon emissions are harmful for the ocean.

Remember this reason when you're asking people to change how they travel to and from school.

Now write down one amazing fact about the ocean to help people understand why we should protect it.

We should protect the ocean because...

5 Draft a presentation for your headteacher

This is a complicated problem, and you'll need the support of your headteacher for your mission to be a success.

Plan and make a persuasive presentation to inspire your headteacher to help reduce the number of cars used in journeys to and from school.

Checklist for your presentation

- An opening statement setting out what you want your headteacher to do
- The benefits of reducing car use
- Your ideas for ways to cut car use
- Solutions for possible problems with the ideas
- Facts or evidence to support your argument
- A final statement summing up your argument

8 How can you make your presentation interesting?

Think of ways you can capture your headteacher's attention. For example, think about your choices of:

- Images
- Photographs
- Statistics

9 What are the next steps?

Once you have made your presentation to your headteacher, agree what will happen next.

Will they write to parents? Talk to other local schools? Contact the council? What can you do to help?

Good luck on your mission!