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Walk to the North Pole Challenge, 2024

Dear parent(s) / guardian(s),

This year we are taking part in the Walk to the North Pole challenge, where collectively all our pupils and staff will walk, scoot, wheel or cycle the 2,500 miles to the North Pole. The competition is organised by Transport for Greater Manchester and aims to get more children traveling to school by active means.

Each class's target is to earn 420 points, then the classes added together will earn the 2,500 points needed to collectively walk to the North Pole. Pupils can earn points for their class by simply completing at least 5 minutes of active travel each day to earn a point. In order to reach our goal we need each pupil to earn 15 points over the course of the competition. Anyone who earns 4 points will win a small prize, and the top three points scores in our school will win a prize too.

The competition will run from Monday 25th November until the end of term. You can earn bonus points for doing active travel at the weekend too – why not walk to the park, or cycle to a club rather than driving?

We want as many pupils as possible to take part and help us reach our goal, but we know that there are many reasons why some pupils might not be able to walk or cycle the whole way to school. If you feel you really must drive we would encourage you to park somewhere 5 minutes away from school then walk, cycle, scoot or wheel the rest of the way. This way these pupils can still take part in the competition and earn points for their class.

Walking, scooting, cycling and wheeling to school will help families save money, and get healthier, all while protecting our local environment and reducing congestion outside school, so why not give it a go?

For more advice, read TfGM's guidance on how to boss the school run by bike at www.beeactive.tfgm.com/the-school-run/.

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