



The National School Travel Awards

The Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council supports schools to participate in Modeshift STARS: the national schools awards scheme which recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking, wheeling and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme, supported by the Department for Transport (DfT) encourages schools across the County to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. Every school in Hampshire can participate in Modeshift STARS for **free**. This includes support and training by our team.



APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2024



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024



VERY GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024








EXCELLENT TRAVEL PLAN 2024



OUTSTANDING TRAVEL PLAN 2024

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What will STARS deliver for your school?

-  **Accreditation framework** so your school can audit the travel planning activities you have done to date and gain awards over five levels: **Approved (Green), Good (Bronze), Very Good (Silver), Excellent (Gold), Outstanding (Platinum)** to achieve an online School Travel Plan. Your school may have the opportunity to be selected for the annual **Modeshift National and/or Regional STARS Awards** (Early Years Establishment of the Year, Primary School of the Year, Secondary School of the Year, All Through School of the Year, and SEND School of the Year). Oak Lodge School and Trosnant Federated Schools are the 2023/2024 winners of the Local Authority STARS Schools of the Year for Hampshire and the STARS South East Schools of the Region. See the Focus On report below.
-  **Effective planning tool** to achieve your school's **objectives** and **monitor** your success in increasing the number of pupils and their families who regularly walk, wheel, cycle and use other forms of sustainable travel on the school journey.
-  **A celebration and promotional tool** that reaches beyond your school informing the wider community of your commitment to improving safety and air quality in the local area, by encouraging reduced use of car travel where possible and promoting sustainable travel to your pupils and their families.
-  Why not get started now? Take a look at the My Journey Hampshire website <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/stars-training> Here you can access the STARS training films which all have subtitles and clear instructions on how to use the system.
-  To gain STARS accreditation, participating schools conduct an annual 'hands up' survey where pupils are asked 'How they travel to school?' and 'How they would prefer to travel to school?'.^{*} This gives a good insight into actual **travel trends** and how pupils would like to travel. The data helps schools to set **realistic targets**. By having a sequence of Hands Up Surveys, this also helps schools to visually **see how their participation in events/initiatives is impacting on modes of travel**.

^{*}note there is separate guidance on the 'hands up survey' for SEND schools.

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Total number of STARS accredited schools in Hampshire (updated March 2024)



Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	5	Hart District Council	3
Eastleigh Borough Council	12	New Forest District Council	40
East Hampshire District Council	9	Rushmoor Borough Council	7
Fareham Borough Council	8	Test Valley Borough Council	10
Gosport Borough Council	6	Winchester City Council	4
Havant Borough Council	8	Hampshire total	112

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STARS accredited schools Spring Term 2024

School	Level
Andrew's Endowed Church of England Primary School	Approved (Green)
Ashurst Pre-School	Approved (Green)
Oakfield Primary School	Approved (Green)
Orchard Infant School	Approved (Green)
The Burgate School and Sixth Form	Approved (Green)
Breamore C E Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Calmore Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Calmore Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Foxhills Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Gomer Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Hordle CofE (VA) Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Hyde Church of England Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Lymington Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Pennington Church of England Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Pennington Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Rachel Madocks School	Good (Bronze)
Stepping Stones Pre-School	Good (Bronze)
Bosmere Junior School	Very Good (Silver)
The Waterloo School	Very Good (Silver)
Fordingbridge Junior School	Excellent (Gold)
Lymington Church of England Infant School	Excellent (Gold)
Manor Church of England Infant School	Excellent (Gold)
Alverstoke Church of England Aided Junior School	Outstanding (Platinum)
Fordingbridge Infant School	Outstanding (Platinum)

For the full list of ALL Hampshire schools currently accredited, go to:

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A focus on: STARS School of the Year finalists.

Two of our Hampshire STARS schools attended the Modeshift STARS School of the Year awards in London in March.

Trosnant Federated Schools, Havant was chosen as both:

- STARS Local Authority Primary School of the Year 2023/24 - Hampshire and,
- STARS Regional Primary School of the Year 2023/24 - South East.

Oak Lodge School, New Forest was chosen as both:

- STARS Local Authority SEND school of the Year 2023/24 - Hampshire and,
- STARS Regional SEND School of the Year 2023/24 - South East.

Both schools presented their work to an audience of other nominated schools from all across the County, Local Authority representatives and many big names in the world of active travel. Both schools did amazingly well to have reached the finals.

So, a little about the schools' STARS journey:

Trosnant Federated Schools:

Trosnant schools joined STARS in 2019 and have worked steadily building on their Good (Bronze) Travel Plan to reach Outstanding (Platinum) level!

Trosnant has employed a Sports Coordinator who oversees all of the Modeshift work, supported closely by the Deputy Headteacher and the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Team.

Embedding active travel in the school ethos has been key. The JRSO team take a lead in consulting the wider school whether that be through delivering assemblies, organising events, recording data or analysing and progressing ideas from the how to increase the number of children travelling actively to school drop box (see picture below).

The schools takes part in many initiatives such as:

- WOW – the walk to school challenge,

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- The Big Walk and Wheel,
- Bike Week,
- Road Safety Week,
- Clean Air Day,
- Walktober,
- Be Bright Be Seen Day to name a few!

All the initiatives and events are widely promoted on social media and in newsletters to families and to pupils/staff via assemblies.

The school has a dedicated Road Safety and Active Travel noticeboard and a Travel to School page on the school website:

<https://trosnantschools.co.uk/parents/travel-to-school>

One initiative that has had a big impact on active travel rates and safety has been the closing off of the school car park to all but authorised users.

Trosnant is really keen to encourage scooting and cycling and as well as all the events above, hosts school holiday Bikeability courses and recently became the hub for Hampshire Outdoors Sofa to Saddle initiative encouraging more adults to ride and have the confidence and skills to support their children (see image below).

A recent detailed survey of parents/carers and pupils indicated the main barriers to active travel on the school journey – lack of safe crossing places and speed/volume of traffic identified as key issues. This led the JRSO team to form a campaign called CARS – CAmpaign for Road Safety. Based on the findings, the school are lobbying Hampshire County Council (HCC) to improve safety by, for example, reducing the speed limit close to school. This campaign formed their presentation at the awards. A response has been received from HCC and there is an open dialogue looking at ways to improve the school journey.

A copy of the letter can be seen here:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/4469/trosnant-jrso-letter.pdf>

The school said: "It was great to be recognised for the work we do, by being voted both Local Authority Primary School of the Year and Regional Primary School of the Year for 2023/24 - a great achievement and reward for our commitment to promoting active, sustainable and safe travel'.

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Oak Lodge School:

Oak Lodge School have a Good (Bronze) STARS award.

The Headteacher, Mr Kieron Hudson outlines “our mission statement talks about preparing young people for adult life, and for our SEND pupils to have a good understanding of safe travel is a vital part of their ‘knowledge for life’”. As such, Oak Lodge run many road safety initiatives such as creating Be Bright Be Seen posters and display (see image below), walking trips in the local area to understand safe and dangerous places to cross and to practice crossing a road using the Green Cross Code, being familiar with using public transport such as the bus, ferry and train and promotion of going on local walks in leisure time as part of the Walktober event.

As a school with a high percentage of pupils travelling by School Transport, Oak Lodge has been determined to make those arrangements as efficient, safe and healthy as possible – for example reducing engine idling by displaying ‘Engines off

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so we don't cough' railings banners, encouraging parents/carers to agree to the Parkwise Promise, creating a car free zone on school site for parents/carers and Home Transport. The school has an agreement with Applemore Health and Leisure Centre that it's public car park can be used for dropping-off and collection and the school is currently working to create a more efficient drop-off and pick-up system. This was a key part of the pupils' presentation at the awards – their work and aspirations summed up in a wonderful poem!

The poem can be read here:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/4470/oak-lodge-school-presentation-poem.pdf>



Amazing work by both our schools. Keep up the good work!

If you would like your school to be showcased like Trosnant Federated Schools and Oak Lodge School, please email: travelplans@hants.gov.uk

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