



## 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 2025



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025



VERY GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025



EXCELLENT TRAVEL PLAN 2025



OUTSTANDING TRAVEL PLAN 2025

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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). Brockenhurst Church of England Primary School and The Waterloo School are the 2024/2025 winners of the Local Authority STARS Schools of the Year for Hampshire **and** the STARS South East Schools of the Region.
- **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?'.<sup>\*</sup> 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**.

<sup>\*</sup>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 2025)



Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	8	Hart District Council	3
Eastleigh Borough Council	14	New Forest District Council	47
East Hampshire District Council	10	Rushmoor Borough Council	10
Fareham Borough Council	7	Test Valley Borough Council	16
Gosport Borough Council	7	Winchester City Council	10
Havant Borough Council	10	Hampshire total	142

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## STARS accredited schools Spring Term 2025

School	Level
Balksbury Federation Infant and Junior Schools	Approved (Green)
Bramley C E Primary School	Approved (Green)
Fordingbridge Infant School	Approved (Green)
Fordingbridge Junior School	Approved (Green)
Foxhills Junior School	Approved (Green)
Hazel Wood Infant School	Approved (Green)
Knightwood primary School	Approved (Green)
Pennington Infant School	Approved (Green)
Pennington Church of England Junior School	Approved (Green)
Testbourne Community School	Approved (Green)
Wildground Infant and Junior Federation	Approved (Green)
Alverstoke Church of England Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Breamore C E Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Calmore Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Calmore Junior School	Good (Bronze)
Cupernham Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Deer Park Secondary School	Good (Bronze)
Elson Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Hordle CofE (VA) Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Hyde Church of England Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Manor Church of England Infant School	Good (Bronze)
Overton Church of England Primary School	Good (Bronze)
Rachel Madocks School	Good (Bronze)
Stepping Stones Pre-School	Good (Bronze)
Vigo Primary School	Good (Bronze)
King's Academy Gomer	Very Good (Silver)
Lymington Junior School	Very Good (Silver)
The Waterloo School	Very Good (Silver)
Lymington Church of England Infant School	Outstanding (Platinum)

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

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## **A focus on: Orchard Infant School, Orchard Junior School and Noadswood Secondary School, New Forest.**

[A case study showing the collaborative success in promoting active and sustainable travel in Dibden Purlieu.](#)

All three schools are situated along Water Lane in Dibden Purlieu. The schools were faced with a high volume of cars during school drop-off and pick-up with the roads quickly becoming congested. This was occasionally leading to conflict between local residents and drivers as well as concern for the wellbeing and safety of pupils and families.

[The joined-up approach:](#)

[The joint aim:](#)

The desire of the three schools is to engage children at a young age and encourage and establish early healthy travel habits that will be carried through the stages of education and into adult life. All three schools have a joint aim to embed an ethos of healthier and greener travel to improve the health and wellbeing of their pupils.

[The Travel Plan, an effective tool to plan and monitor the success of the aim:](#)

To facilitate this aim and address the challenges outlined above, all three schools are developing a Modeshift STARS Travel Plan:

- Orchard Infant School is preparing to submit for Good/Bronze level accreditation.
- Orchard Junior School has a current Good/Bronze level travel plan.
- Noadswood Secondary School is preparing to submit for Very Good/Silver level.

[Running joint events:](#)

The schools have come together to run events.

For example, the three schools joined forces this May for an Air Quality Workshop led by Hampshire County Council. Students from all three sites collected and analysed local air quality data in early May and then again during the Walk to School

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Week event (19-23 May). For Walk to School Week, all three schools asked for as many pupils and families as possible to walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride. During the event, pupils at each school also competed by recording distances travelled with prizes being given at the end of the week.

The success of this collaboration led on to the agreement of the schools to participate in The Clean Air Challenge 2025: the infant and junior schools focusing on encouraging walking/wheeling and scooting and the secondary, focusing on walking/wheeling and cycling to reflect their different cohorts.

The schools agree that running joint campaigns, fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose. This is reflected in the success of these events in terms of participation and also by joint working, being able to reach a broader audience.

Letter sent out as schools collaboration to families:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/4944/clean-air-project-joint-working-orchard-schools-and-noadswood.pdf>

Each school wanted to highlight some of their favourite events and achievements:

#### Orchard Infant School:

The school has a dedicated team of Sustainability Superheroes to organise and run initiatives. Their highlights include:

- Participation in [Living Streets WOW campaign](#).
- A successful bid to the County Council's Healthy Schools' Capital Fund to upgrade scooter and cycle storage. This was celebrated with a grand opening attended by local councillors.
- Regular repeat events such as the [Golden Lock](#) and [Bling Your Wheels](#).
- Participation in annual events and linked competitions such as [Walk to School Week](#) and [The Clean Air Challenge](#).
- Road safety messaging such as Be Bright Be Seen and Brake's [Beep Beep Day](#) which children have really enjoyed.

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Above: the new scooter and cycle storage.

#### Orchard Junior School:

The school has embraced active travel with a strong emphasis on promoting cycling and scooting. The junior's highlights are:

- Annual [Bikeability](#) Level 1 and Level 2 training for Year 6 pupils.
- An after-school bike club where pupils can learn skills to stay safe while riding.
- An expansion of the school's scooter storage meaning greater capacity for all those pupils wanting to scoot, following a successful bid to HCC's Healthy Schools' Capital Fund!

#### Noadswood Secondary School:

Noadswood's new Travel Champion launched the academic year with a grand opening of the new cycle storage! (see picture below). This was funded through student-led fundraising and a successful application to New Forest District Council's CIL fund. The event was a big celebration attended by local councillors and the media. This has been one of the main highlights, along with:

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- An introduction of [Bikeability](#) Level 2 and Level 3.
- Participation in Modeshift STARS [Active Travel Ambassador \(ATA\) programme](#).
- [The Clean Air Challenge](#), whereby the school ran a week-long initiative where cyclists earned stamps to attend a [Bikers' Breakfast](#) and entered a raffle to win bike-related prizes! (see picture below).
- A collaborative video project with Hampshire County Council promoting the [Eling to Holbury Cycle Route](#).
- A successful bid for a £200 grant, linked to the ATA programme, at the [Modeshift STARS Campaign Junction](#) (a 'Dragons Den' style event).



Above: the new cycle storage just before it's official opening. It's regularly full!



Above: The Clean Air Challenge 2025.

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In response to the question, 'What top tips would you give to other schools joining/engaging in Modeshift STARS'? the schools gave the following great pointers:

- **Communication is key.** Have clear roles and responsibilities (for example drafting letters, organising events). This has helped keep messaging consistent across the schools and prevented duplication of tasks/made for efficient working.
- **The student voice matters!** Pupils bring fresh ideas and energy. Peer to peer learning has been invaluable with secondary students learning from younger pupils and vice-versa.
- **Just go for it!** Take a leap of faith and engage. This can lead to unexpected learning and growth.

The schools plan to continue working together and would like to expand their collaboration to include other local schools.

Some truly inspirational collaborative work, keep up the great work!

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