



## What is The Green-Schools Travel theme?

The Travel theme is a two-year programme aimed at promoting awareness and sustainable travel in schools across Ireland. The Department of Transport is funding this programme with the following objectives:

- Promote **walk to school** initiatives such as WOW days, walking buses, Park 'n Stride days.
- Promote **cycle/scoot to school** initiatives through the provision of cycle/scooter training in schools, cycle parking facilities.
- Promote **carpooling** through consultation with the wider population served by schools
- Raise **awareness** of travel alternatives through the development of children/parent/teacher transport workshops, presentations & annual competitions.

## Why Green-Schools Travel?

### Environment

- Climate change (from burning fossil fuels and producing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- Pollution

### Local issues:

- Congestion
- Road Safety
- Car dependent culture

### Personal:

- Health & fitness
- Freedom of choice
- Social development



## How you as parents can help your school to get their Green Travel Flag?

We understand that there may be concerns over certain factors in travelling to school: safety, weather, etc. Awareness raising plays a large role in this respect. By engaging the children in discussions, it will encourage them to think about what can be done to overcome these concerns. e.g. road safety awareness, cycle training, proper clothing, structured walking/cycling days.

