

MATAKANA SCHOOL

WALKING SCHOOL BUS and PARK AND RIDE

Did you know you can walk to school safely from the village and have fun on the way while you are doing it? Join our walking school bus.

If you live a bit further away but would still like to be part of a Walking School Bus, why not Park and Walk? Meet the Walking School Bus at the Pony Club - a safe place to park or drop off your child.

Walking School Bus participation is a great way to make friends, get some exercise and do something good for the planet.

Walking School Bus will leave the Matakana Village Hall. This runs on Tuesday and Friday's leaving at 8.15am. Ask at the school office for more details of the route and collection points along the way.



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TRAVELWISE SCHOOL

Please help us make journeys to our school
active, social, safe and sustainable



TravelWise is supported by the Auckland Regional Transport Authority in partnership with Rodney District Council

Did you know Matakana School Has a great Walking School Bus route?



Please complete and return this page to the school office

If yes, please tick the box

I am interested in being a Walking School Bus Volunteer on an existing or new Walking School Bus route and would be happy for someone to contact me.

(A Walking School Bus operates with a group of parents who are rostered to walk with a group of children)

I am interested in my child being part of a Walking School Bus.

Parent's Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

***Thank you for your support
& efforts in keeping our children safe.***



WALKING

We encourage you to walk with your children to and from school as it:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours).
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn.
- Keeps the school gates clear of cars, so it is safer for everyone.
- Helps your child to learn road sense skills and become familiar with their community.
- Reduces polluting car emissions in the environment.



DRIVING

If you need to drive, please observe and discuss with your child the following safe practices:

DROPPING OFF

- Park a short distance from the school and walk with your child/ren to school. *(Help keep the school entrances free from cars to make it safer for everyone.)*
- Always park beside the footpath and ensure children exit vehicles on the footpath side and not the road side.
- Always use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road.

PICKING UP

- Park and walk to the school grounds to meet your child/ren.
- Do not wave or call your child/ren across the road.
- Always educate your child/ren to use the pedestrian crossing.
- Always role model good safety behaviour to your child/ren and teach safe habits.
- Always drive slowly near the school and watch for pedestrians and cyclists at all times.

