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17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school will be taking part in the National Clean Air Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an **active way** of getting to school on this day.

We need everyone to take part and make an effort to travel to school in an active way during this special day. The challenge is also open to school staff and we will be making every effort to take part too. We are keen to promote road safety and encourage families to keep to the pavements on their journey to school!

We are inviting children to decorate their shoes to make 'Funky Feet' or dress in green on this day! It is 'Move More Day' and in school we will be moving to music, your funky feet will also help us to consider different ways we can be active in our lives.

Walking. Cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope by taking part in the challenge it will:

- Improve health & wellbeing of our pupils & their families
- Encourage pupils and families to be more active
- Reduce congestion and parking problems around our school
- Improve air quality around school
- Promote active travel for the journey to school and for families to continue to do this after the challenge!
- Reduced risk to children from cars (<u>www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-23899232</u>).
- Reduction in harmful gases Nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxides, particulate matter.

Please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking away from school (at least a 5 minute walk) and walking the last part of your journey, this is called Park & Stride.

Paula Edward, The Active Travel Officer for Sheffield is keen to support Dobcroft on this day and is going to be waiting at the junction of Pingle Road and Whirlowdale Road, with some of the school staff, for any pupils and their families that would like to raise awareness of clean air by walking up to school together on this morning, it will be a visible sign that we want to reduce CO2 in our environment!

Our school could also be making a statement to help towards the forthcoming COP 26 meeting -

















<u>www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-58549373.amprthcoming</u> COP 26 meeting in which world leaders are considering ways to reduce damage to our planet (<u>www.bbc.lco.uk/news/world-58549373</u>).

We hope that you can support this very important initiative and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Cathy Rowland & the Eco Team















