

May 2019



Dear Parent or Carer

Walk to School Week, Sal's Shoes & 'Own Shoes Day'

We, the Silverdale Student Council, are writing to inform you of our plan to help reduce the school's Carbon Footprint. There are three important things happening next week as part of this work.

1. 'Walk to School' week: 20-24 May 2019

We propose a "Walk to School" where we ask that most students try to walk to school at least once in that given week. This is a national event and will be taking place 20th – 24th May. We understand that for some students it is physically impossible for them to walk to school, we are not asking students to walk for six hours in the pouring rain to get to school, but we do ask that if it is possible, students opt to walk rather than be driven.

We have also created a park-and-stride map for students that choose to drive to school. It has marked areas for children to be dropped off at, and two circles that show from which point it would take ten and fifteen minutes to walk to school. This is to reduce the heavy congestion that is currently taking place outside our school. We would encourage students to use the map as a guideline, as walking is healthy, and we are looking to try and lower the pollution levels in our school's area.

2. Sal's Shoes: Friday 24 May 2019

Our second initiative is our plan to support the charity, Sal's Shoes. Sal's Shoes is an amazing charity, which gives outgrown shoes to less fortunate children in less economically-developed societies or backgrounds. **We request that, if you have a pair of old, but not too worn out shoes, you bring them in on Friday 24th May and deposit them in one of the recycling bins labelled "Sal's Shoes".**

3. 'Own Shoes Day': Friday 24 May 2019

Also on that day is an "Own Shoes Day". On this day, students will not be required to wear the school uniform shoes and are encouraged to wear their own shoes. There will even be prizes for the most interesting footwear! If a student chooses to take part in this day and wear their own shoes, then they will be requested to bring a minimum £1 donation, which will also go to the charity Sal's Shoes.

We hope that most if not all students will try and take part in both these events.

Yours sincerely

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