

STARS South Yorkshire

Rotherham



Yorkshire & Humber School of the Year!



Pupils and staff from Brookfield Academy accepting their award

Brookfield Junior Academy has become the first school in South Yorkshire to be recognised as the Modeshift STARS "Yorkshire and Humber School of the Year," just months after earning their Gold Modeshift STARS award.

Since signing up to Modeshift STARS in September 2017 the percentage of pupils normally travelling to school by car fell from 41% to less than 10% by July 2019. This is a huge achievement considering that, on average, around 46% of primary school pupils are driven to school every day across England.

The school's success is largely thanks to their travel champion forming an effective working group from the outset. School staff, parents, governors, ward councillors and their local MP have all worked collaboratively to plan and deliver a range of initiatives that support active and sustainable travel to school. With help from the STARS South Yorkshire team, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and local businesses, the school has improved road safety infrastructure outside school; improved the health and wellbeing of pupils; and reduced traffic, air pollution and harmful greenhouse gases.

School Principal, Mrs Liversidge said: *"We are ecstatic to become Regional School of the Year 2019. Active travel is now an integral part of school life. Pupils regularly walk, cycle and scoot to school throughout the whole school year. They are able to articulate the difference active travel makes and why it is so important."*

Brookfield Junior Academy is a fantastic example of how the whole community can work together to change travel behaviours through a variety of low cost initiatives. We are extremely proud that Brookfield has been recognised as Yorkshire and Humber School of the Year 2019 and must also congratulate our runner-up schools Listerdale Junior Academy and Sitwell Infant School. We hope Brookfield Junior Academy's success can inspire other schools to support happier, healthier and cleaner journeys to school. We wish all pupils and staff the very best of luck at the National Modeshift STARS awards in London this spring.

Get in touch...



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STARS School Shout-Outs!

This term Laughton Junior & Infant school, Wath Central Primary and Rawmarsh Thorogate Junior & Infant school celebrate their **BRONZE** awards. We are also confident that Kilnhurst St Thomas C of E Academy, Whiston Junior & Infant school and Laughton All Saints C of E Primary will achieve their **SILVER** level awards once approved by the Modeshift STARS central team in February.

Congratulations to all staff, pupils and parents!

The STARS South Yorkshire Project focuses on promoting active and sustainable travel to pupils, parents and teachers across the region through the delivery of fun, engaging, educational activities. The ultimate aim of the project is to encourage everyone that can to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, starting with the journey to school.

Our STARS South Yorkshire team are available to deliver free initiatives, resources, lessons and activities for schools throughout Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

For more information and to get your staff and pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school, please email: stars_sy@pwlcpjprojects.com

Delivered by



Bike donations re-cycled

Laughton All Saints Primary School have set up a bike library after receiving a set of pre-loved bikes at the end of last term. Safety checked and serviced by our STARS Active Travel Officer, the bikes were kindly donated by staff from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and will enable more pupils to take part in cycling activities at school.

The bike library provides an invaluable resource for pupils that can't afford their own bikes or for those that live far from the village and are unable to access a safe route to school. The bikes open up opportunities for all pupils to get involved in cycling initiatives at school including playground skills sessions and on-road Bikeability training.

With a background in engineering, Teaching Assistant Mr Morley also plans to use the bikes to deliver cycle maintenance workshops. Pupils will be able to learn new skills and develop knowledge of how bikes work without being left unable to ride their own bikes home safely.

The project highlights how easy it is to put unwanted bikes back into use. We hope that other schools benefit from similar schemes in future. Special thanks to the Rotherham Cycle Hub who provided additional guidance and spare parts for the bikes. To find out about free electric bike hire, cycle training and repairs visit <http://www.journeymatters.co.uk/>



Donated bikes serviced and ready to roll

Autumn term in numbers (Sep-Dec 2019)

- 170 active travel initiatives delivered
- 21 meetings with school staff
- 5021 individual pupil engagement experiences
- 303 individual staff engagement experiences
- 307 parent engagement experiences

Fabulous Feedback: *"[STARS] is a fantastic programme which really helps to support our children and families to be healthy and active...as well as supporting the wider community through a clear focus on reducing the amount of cars on the road near schools. Our children are definitely travelling to school more actively and are more aware of the important reasons for this. We love that we have a dedicated Active Travel Officer who provides support throughout the year. [They are] an invaluable resource and part of the reason we have done so well this year."*

- Mrs Peart, Head Teacher at Sitwell Infant School.



Cllr Peter Short presents Mrs Peart with Sitwell Infant School's Silver award in November. The school is now making excellent progress towards their Gold Award.

Have your say! STARS School Staff Survey

What are you're views about Modeshift STARS? What has the impact been on pupils, parents and staff? We're offering you an opportunity to provide honest feedback about the STARS South Yorkshire programme at your school. Data will be used to help celebrate our successes and evaluate how we can do things better in future. The survey takes 10 minutes and is accessed through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HNL3PQJ>

Oct 2019 • 31 days

Top Tweet!

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 3,380 impressions

BBC News - How do you breathe less pollution on school run? Turns out bikes are best for you. Who'd have thunk it? [#cleanair #littlebigchanges](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/littlebigchanges) [bbc.co.uk/news/av/littlebigchanges](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/littlebigchanges)

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Dates for the diary:

13-20th Jan - Obesity Awareness Week
24th Feb - 8th Mar - Fairtrade Fortnight
March - Walk all over cancer
05th Mar - World Book Day
18th Mar - Global Recycling Day
20th Mar - Spring equinox
21st Mar - World Poetry Day
29th Mar - British summertime begins
03rd Apr - Walk to Work Day
22nd Apr - World Earth Day

Sustrans **Big Pedal** takes place after Easter. This year's national active travel challenge takes place 22nd of April to 5th of May. Pupils, parents and school staff help their school to win some fantastic prizes by simply walking, scooting or cycling to school. Registration open in the coming weeks www.thebigpedal.org.uk