

# Safer Parking around our school

Dear Parents/Carers,

## *Walking Bubble Challenge for the May Walk to School Month*

We have been working with our Local Neighbourhood Policing team from Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council's Road Safety team to develop a walking bubble map for our school. We will be launching our **Walking Bubble Challenge** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> May** in celebration of the National Walk to School Month and the National Walk to School Week by encouraging our families to walk, cycle or scoot inside the walking bubble during this month.

We hope that by doing this we will reduce traffic congestion outside of our school entrance and make the school journey more easier for everyone.

Our walking bubble map, see overleaf, focusses on the school in the centre with a voluntary 100 metre no parking zone immediately outside of school and a 400 metre bubble the equivalent of a 5 minute walk to or from school.

We are asking parents/carers to look at the walking bubble map and think about their school journey. If you live within the walking bubble then we would like you to walk, cycle or scoot to/from school. If you live on the outside of the walking bubble and usually drive your children to/from school then we would like you to consider parking on the outside of the bubble and walk or scoot the rest of the way.

Eight schools from the Newton Aycliffe area will be taking part in the walking bubble project. We will be asking our children to record on a class wall chart if they walked, cycled or scooted inside the walking bubble. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest percentage uptake for a class and school. Along with prizes for every school taking part in the challenge.

If you would like to support the walking bubble but are unable to participate due to mobility issues or other reasons, then please speak to us and alternative arrangements can be made to ensure everyone can take part.

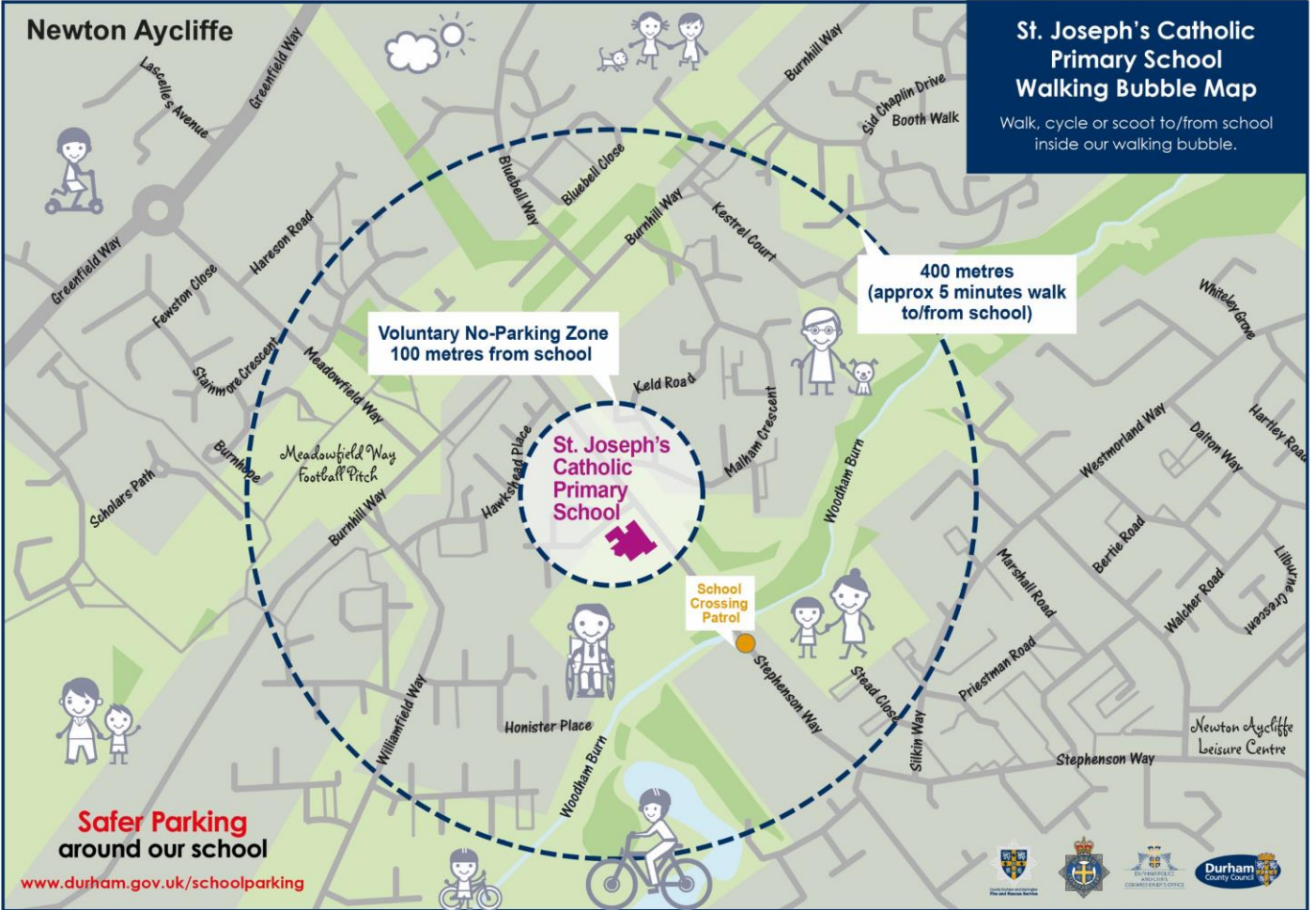
We hope that you will observe our walking bubble, travelling more actively and leaving the car either at home or outside of the bubble will improve safety and air quality around the school site. An active journey will also boost concentration levels and help our children gain valuable road safety skills.



# Newton Aycliffe

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Walking Bubble Map

Walk, cycle or scooter to/from school inside our walking bubble.



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