

Aim of lesson:	To introduce a school travel project
Travel Awareness Message:	Using alternative transport methods can reduce congestion
Resources:	Wipe-board/flipchart to record ideas

ACTIVITIES:

- Explain to the children that they are going to carry out research into school travel and the environment. They will be finding out how people travel to school, and how this affects our health and the environment. They will be planning a campaign to tell people about their findings and will recommend new ideas, which could improve things. They will be working together to make decisions.
- Ask the children to imagine a primary school in a busy area. Some children walk to school and others are brought by car. There are traffic jams around the school and high levels of traffic fumes. Some of the pupils have asthma and this is made worse by the traffic pollution. Children who walk have to dodge all the cars dropping off other children and some parents make it even more dangerous for them by parking on the pavement.
- **FACT** One in seven children suffer from asthma in this country and in some built up areas this rises to one in three
- At this school some parents want cars to be banned from coming anywhere near the gates of the school. They argue that it would be safer for the children who walk and less polluted for asthma sufferers. Other parents disagree strongly and say that they keep their children safe by driving them to school and dropping them off as close to the gates as possible.
- Ask the children to imagine a meeting of the parents to discuss the idea of a ban on cars. What arguments are likely to be put forward at this meeting? How heated could things get? Role-play the situation.
- Design posters and badges for the campaigns for and against the ban.

PLENARY Did everyone have an equal chance to take part in the discussions?