Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to inform you **Newport Junior School** have agreed to take part in a new project in partnership with the Travel Telford Team at Telford & Wrekin Council.

From September 2023 Newport Juniors will be one of four schools selected to take part in ‘**A New School Journey’** pilot which is the first of its kind to take place in Telford and Wrekin.

This programme has been developed for several reasons including:

* Improving road safety outside of school.
* Easing congestion.
* Encouraging more active travel to/from school.
* Reducing emissions.

We are aware of a number of road safety concerns around Newport Juniors and we hope that by working in partnership with parents/carers, pupils and the school, we can alleviate these concerns.

However this can only be a success if we work together, as a team along with the school. We understand that some parents/carers have no other option but to drive to school. This could be for many different reasons including; work commitments, distance, multiple drop offs etc and we are realistic that some mornings even if you live close enough to walk, there are reasons why you may need to take the car.

All we are asking for is **one small change.** As a minimum we ask that you either Park and Stride (park away from the school entrance, ideally a 10 minute walk away) scoot, cycle, wheel or walk to/from school at least once a week.

Newport Juniors has been selected due to its commitment and passion for encouraging active travel to and from school. The Travel Telford team has previously worked with the school to deliver programmes such as Bikeability and Pedestrian Training and we will continue to provide programmes like these, alongside others to help pupils understand the importance of active travel and road safety.

We also hope to hold themed travel to school days and we have used feedback from the Pupil Surveys to support this, a huge thank you to those who completed these before the school holidays and to those who put their name forward to support with active initiatives.

The results of the parent and pupil surveys are also attached and we hope you find these as insightful as we did. Some of the comments from children really made us smile. We will also keep you updated with what has been happening in school via our new team of Junior Road Safety Officers and termly newsletters. **Look out for news about our first themed walk to school taking place very soon!**

We are always interested to hear your thoughts so please do get in touch via roadsafety@telford.gov.uk

More information will follow over the next few months but for now we look forward to starting **A New School Journey with you.**

Kind regards

**Travel Telford Team**