



Walking Bus

Eco-friendly and safe to school

Reply form

Do you and your child want to be part of the **Walking Bus**? Then **please complete** this form and return it **via email (please include in your personal details)** or fax **within one week** to Green City. Thanks!

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- Yes, my child and I want to be part of the **Walking Bus** the coming school year. I will volunteer to walk with the children in rotation with the other parents.
- You may use our address for the purpose of organising the **Walking Bus**.

Child's name _____ School's name _____

Parent's or Chaperone's name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Place, Date and Signature _____

What are the next steps?

Green City will use your addresses to plan all the bus routes and bus groups. Once the planning is completed you will be invited via email (please include in your personal details above) to a **Walking Bus** information evening. There you will have the opportunity to talk about routes, in order for your bus to be able to start successfully in the coming school year. We are looking forward to meet the new bus children and their chaperones.

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Dear parents,

the **Walking Bus**, an organised chaperonage along your children's school route is starting at your school. The **Walking Bus** is good for your child's health and increases mobility. Additionally it provides safety on way to school and protects the environment. This transportation education project is organised by the Munich environmental organisation Green City e.V.

Does this sound familiar?

Walking to school with siblings and friends – it was often so exciting that the time flew by. We knew our school route like the back of our hand – and even today we can still remember funny incidents and interesting places along the way.

Our lives today are different. We lack the time to accompany our children on their walk to school. Yet, at the same time, increasing traffic volume leads to greater risks along the way. In fear of their safety, we often load the kids into the car and quickly drive them to school.

And that's actually a bit of a shame, don't you think?

Walking Bus - the solution

Walking to school is possible again with the **Walking Bus** – fun and safety guaranteed! Going in a group is not only more interesting than sitting alone in the car, but also heightens the sense of independence and orientation abilities. Additionally, the motor traffic around the school is reduced and you as a parent know your child is in safe company.

How the Walking Bus works

The Bus consists of 5-8 elementary school children, accompanied by an adult (parents of the children in rotation) on a pre-set route to school. Along the route are bus stops where the children are picked up.

The children take turns serving as the bus driver, conductor or passenger, not only to increase their motivation, but also as a fun way of learning basic road safety and developing their sense of direction and getting around on their own in their neighbourhood.

As soon as the children can walk the route confidently and safely, they continue to take the **Walking Bus** without parental guidance – within half a year at the latest.

The **Walking Bus** doesn't just run on its own. Not only does it need school children, but it needs adults as volunteer chaperones as well.

Who is the Walking Bus for?

All children in first and second grade and their parents can participate in the **Walking Bus**.

The advantages of the Walking Bus

For the children:

- Exercise outdoors, resulting in better concentration in the classroom
- Participation in role-playing that makes walking entertaining
- Part of an environment-friendly and independent alternative to the parent-taxi
- Getting to know other children – also from other grades, as the **Walking Bus** runs for all first and second grades
- Pedestrian skills and better orientation in their own neighbourhood
- Step-by-step encouragement toward independence

For the parents:

- Time saved through rotating chaperonage of the children
- Knowledge that the children are supervised on their way to school

For the school:

- Reduction in the amount of daily drop-off and pick-up traffic
- Increased safety along the school route

Munich Police recommends the **Walking Bus** project to parents and primary schools as it makes a valuable contribution increasing children's safety in traffic.

