**Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel - Walking Group Guidelines**

As part of the Big Walk & Wheel, St Ronan’s has organised a walking group for **P3 – P7** which will be led by staff and PTFA members. The walking group will run from **Tuesday 21st March – Friday 31st March**. This was a huge success last year and it was great to see such a fantastic effort made my pupils, staff, PTFA members and parents! We placed 4th in Northern Ireland last year, an improvement on 5th the previous year. This year we hope to break into the top 3!

The walking group will depart **Castle Park** carpark at **8:45** sharp and supervisors will be on site from 8:35. This is a morning only event. **P1** **& P2** pupils have the option to join the walking group from the **Parish Centre**, but parent(s)/guardian(s) must accompany them.

Some pupils already walk to school either by themselves or with an adult, these pupils are welcome to continue doing this or they may join the walking group if it is convenient to them. For those who do not walk to school, this is the perfect opportunity to get active and be part of an incredible school event.

To ensure this event runs safely, the walking group will be split up into smaller groups and depart one after the other.

Pupils must: - Wear hi-vis jackets (these can be supplied by school)

* Come equipped for bad weather (bring a rain jacket!)
* Ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear
* Listen to supervisors at all times

Anyone found to be putting themselves or others at risk during the walk will be removed from the walking group and will play no further part in this active travel event.

Class teachers will gauge interest in the walking group throughout the two-week period to ensure enough supervisors are on hand during the walk.

We hope you will be able to take part in some form of active travel to school, whether it be in the walking group, walking alone/with a parent, scooting, or cycling.

**Let’s make this an even bigger success than last year, as we are now an Active Travel Gold Ambassador School!**

Thank you

Mr Foy