



Simon Balle Walking bus - Old London Road Car Park to Simon Balle Primary

The Simon Balle Walking Bus meets at Old London Road Car Park at **8.20** each morning and normally arrives at school at around **8.40**. The bus departs the car park at **8.25**. **Those not at the car park by 8.25 will miss the bus!!**

If you wish to ask about a place on the walking bus please email SimonBalleWalkingBus@gmail.com. We are always looking for parent volunteers so if you can make use of the bus a few days a

week please consider if you can also volunteer for a morning a week with us!

Kit...Children must wear their high visibility vest when using the walking bus. These are provided for passengers but you can choose to bring your own. Volunteers will also wear hi-viz jackets and carry a lollipop (as in a “children crossing” lollipop not the sugar variety) and a small first aid kit

Use of data ...A register of those traveling and associated medical details and emergency contact details will be kept. This information will be available to those organizing the walking bus and the Driver of the bus on any given day. The list will also be shared with the school.

Day to day passenger lists and volunteer rotas will be shared on a whatsapp group.

Insurance... Hertfordshire County Council provides public liability insurance cover. The route has been assessed by the school and the Hertfordshire County Council’s Area Road Safety Officer.

Drop off...Reception and Year 1 children will be physically dropped off to their classroom.
Year 2 are dropped into Larch reception.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are walked to the playground and from there make their own way to class.

Stuff...Children will need to be capable of carrying their own things to walk with the walking bus, a good tip is to give the children empty or half empty water bottles which they can then fill at school if weight is a problem. Most children can carry their own musical instrument. We ask that a common sense approach is taken as to the size of any homework items that may be constructed (and then need to be carried!). When children return to school after the holidays please consider staggering the items they are bringing in. The volunteers will help where they can if this is necessary.

Ratios...The adult / child ratio is 6:1.

The number of children allowed on the walking bus is limited by the number of volunteers on the day. If there is demand for places on a particular day we will operate a waiting list on a first come, first served basis. Where we are operating waiting lists we will occasionally advertise for volunteers through the school newsletter or email. All parent volunteers are DBS checked.

Do we pay? We would like to give the opportunity to use the bus to as many children as possible so it is completely free! It does cost £75 per DBS check required for each volunteer. If you wish to show your support for the initiative by donating please use the voluntary donation facility in parent pay.

There are currently no plans to run a walking bus in the afternoons.

Further comments or questions? Please direct them to SimonBalleWalkingBus@gmail.com