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January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Wirral Eco-Council Transport Campaign (Start Yard, Birkenhead) - Friday 17 January 2025

We are pleased to offer your child/ward the opportunity to represent our school as a leader at an upcoming Wirral Eco-Cabinet meeting with students from other Green Flag schools in Wirral. The session will focus on creating a campaign around the theme of improving local transport for young people in Wirral. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their leadership, communication, creative and organisation skills, while contributing to a campaign of enacting change in their local area.

This event will take place between 12:00pm and 3:00pm at the Start Yard in Birkenhead on Friday 17 January. Commitment to the campaign is key and students attending this session will also be expected to participate in follow-up meetings at the same venue on Friday 7 and Friday 28 February at the same times. This will culminate in a Transport Conference at the Start Yard on Friday 9 May, which will be delivered by students, where key decision makers on public transport for Merseyside will be invited. It is anticipated that the conference will be an all-day event but final details have not yet been confirmed.

For the event on Friday 17 January, we will leave school at 11.35pm and travel by train from West Kirby Station to Hamilton Square Station, followed by a 10-minute walk to the Start Yard. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them (if your child/ward is entitled to free school meals a 'grab bag' can be ordered the day before the trip from the canteen for collection from 8:00am on the day of the trip. Grab bags can also be purchased).

We will return by train arriving back at West Kirby by 3:40pm. Train travel is free for students, covered by EcoClub funds. Travel to the other meetings in February and May will be by minibus, arriving back at school by 3:30pm.

After the meeting on 17 January, the return train is scheduled to arrive at West Kirby Station at 3.31pm and we aim to be back at school by 3.40pm, in time for school buses. In the event of train delays, students will need to be responsible for arranging their own transport home. If your child/ward would like to make their own way home from Hamilton Square Station or another stop on the West Kirby line, please indicate this on the permission slip below.

Please return the attached slip to Mr Houghton, the Eco-Schools Co-ordinator by **Thursday 16 January**.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Houghton
Geography Department

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Please return to Mr Houghton by Thursday 16 January - Wirral Eco-Council TRANSPORT meetings at Start Yard

Student name: **Form:**

I give permission for my child/ward to participate in the above activities travelling to and from Start Yard in Birkenhead on **Friday 17 January 2025 by train, and on Friday 9 and 28 February and 9 May by school minibus**. I confirm that medical information and emergency contact details are up to date (contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app). It is expected that students return back to West Kirby Grammar School.

Please indicate below the travel details if you wish your child/ward to make alternative travel arrangements on the return from the Start Yard on 17 January:

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Parent/Carer signature: Date:

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.