





## The Pedometer Challenge - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb walk... scoot...cycle...or...get active in any way you can think of!

The person with the highest number of steps over the week will win **[INSERT PRIZE]** 

### How to take part

- If you'd like to take part collect your pedometer at [INSERT] on [INSERT DATE] and start wearing it straight away.
- Pull the see through tag to activate the pedometer.
- Attach the safety lanyard to the pedometer to prevent losing it if it comes unclipped.
- Clip your pedometer and the safety lanyard to the top of your trouser or skirt or on a belt close to your hip.
- Wear it as soon as you get up and until you go to bed. The pedometer is NOT waterproof!
- Write down the reading on the pedometer each night in the table below, but **DO NOT RESET** the pedometer. We want to record the total number of steps you did over the whole week.
- Record the way(s) in which you travelled each day, using the key below, include all the ways you travelled that day.
- Return your completed table and show the reading on your pedometer to [INSERT LOCATION] at [INSERT DATE and TIME].
- Anyone found or thought not to be entering into the spirit of the challenge will be excluded from entering the prize draw.

## Daily Record Table

### Do <u>NOT</u> reset the pedometer each day, just record the ongoing reading

### Type of travel: W = walk, S = scoot, C = cycle, B = bus, T = train, O = other

Name:		Tutor Group:
Day	Pedometer reading	Types of travel used, use key above
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Total steps:		
Total distance (miles)*:		

\*See over the page for the calculation to convert number of steps into miles.

Work out the distance you have travelled in the following way:

- Measure the distance it takes you to walk 5 steps in meters and then divide the distance by 5.
  e.g. 5 steps = 4 meters
  4 meters / 5 = 0.8 meters stride length = 0.8 meters
- 2. Multiply the total number of steps recorded on your pedometer by your stride length. e.g. 25,556 steps x 0.8 = 20,444.8 meters
- 3. Covert meters into kilometres by dividing by 1,000 e.g. 20,444.8 m / 1,000 = 20.4 km
- 4. Covert kilometres into miles by multiplying your distance in kilometres by 0.62137 e.g. 20.4 km x 0.62137 = 12.6 miles

#### Hints and tips

- Actively travelling to and from school by foot, scooter or bike will help boost the number of steps you do each day.
- If you can't travel all the way to and from school then why not be dropped and picked off at a distance from school. This way you can actively travel part of the way.
- Take the stairs where ever possible instead of using lifts and escalators.
- Walk or cycle a slightly longer route
- Walk or cycle to the shops, park or to meet friends instead of taking a lift.

#### Things to consider

- Wear a cycle helmet and clothing which will help you be seen
- Keep it legal Reflectors and lights at the front and back of your bike when dark.
- Stick to roads with slower speed limits and use safe road crossing points
- Get help planning your active travel journey by visiting www.travelwest.info
- Meet up with friends and travel to and from school together
- Tell your grown up your planned route and have a means of contacting them
- Avoid areas where they feel at risk or vulnerable use well lit, well used, visible routes especially in the dark
- Make sure your bike's road worthy by checking your:
  - brakes work
  - tyres are fully inflated
  - wheels are correctly attached
  - saddle's the correct height and not above the maximum extension mark.

A guide to basic bike maintenance can be found on www.betterbybike.info.

# Let the challenge begin!

# **Good Luck**