

Feet First Friday

Moate Community School is currently working on the Green-Schools travel programme. On Friday, March 20th they will launch their first sustainable travel initiative - Feet First Friday. On this day pupils are encouraged to walk to/from school from their homes or from identified Park n'Stride locations around the town. Park n' Stride is an initiative where parents will drop their children at a location that is close to the school and students can walk the rest of the way. The Park n' Stride locations that have been chosen around the school are The Carmelite, Dún na Sí Heritage Park and Topaz filling station. There are many benefits associated with walking to school including the reduction in traffic congestion, it is enjoyable, it saves you money, it benefits your health and it helps the environment. Walking reduces harmful vehicle emissions. It is important that we reduce our carbon dioxide emission because climate change is a major environmental problem which impacts on natural and human systems on all continents. Research has shown that over the past school year the Green-Schools programme saved 1.3 million litres of transport fuel, enough to go up and back to the moon over 32 times! By taking part in the Feet First Friday event Moate Community School is reducing their climate change impacts and they are taking care of their environment.