

STAR SCHOOL - Lea Forest Primary Academy

Lea Forest Primary Academy has achieved *Platinum* on Modeshift STARS, making it the first school in the West Midlands to gain this prestigious accreditation!

Mr Clarke-Castello, the school's Headteacher said this on the achievement:

"We are delighted to be the first school in the West Midlands to be awarded the Modeshift STARS Platinum Accreditation. It is great to see that our outstanding efforts of reducing traffic around our school, improving air quality, and helping to promote a healthy lifestyle for our children are being recognised. This follows on from our recent success with Bikeability, and our ongoing progress with the Living Streets travel tracker. This is a fantastic achievement!"



Lea Forest achieved this accreditation by taking several sustainable steps having:

- Completed 35 travel and supporting initiatives on Modeshift STARS, 25 of which were done this year!
- Reduced car use from 40% to 23%
- Increased walking rates from 48% to an impressive 75%
- Awarded [Bikeability's 'School of the Year'](#), due to their active engagement with training, in which every pupil in the school received bike training
- First school in Birmingham to have an air quality monitor fitted as part of Birmingham's Air Quality Strategy
- Being part of the **'Top 10' schools** for [Living Street's](#) Walk of Fame 2021

Lea Forrest's Bikeability instructor said about their **'School of the Year'** achievement:

"In all my years of teaching, I have never seen a whole year group riding bikes. However, following the success of the training every child in Year 6 can now ride a bike. A fantastic achievement that as a school they should be very proud of."



To hear from Lea Forest pupils themselves, take a look at their '**Clean Air Pledges**' where Malika, Jack and Mason vow to make a difference and help clean up Birmingham's Air Quality.

[Malika's Clean Air Pledge](#)

[Jack's Clean Air Pledge](#)

[Mason's Clean Air Pledge](#)

To become a **STAR** school, you must go above and beyond to promote sustainable and active travel. If you feel you are a **STAR** school, or wish to nominate a school please contact us at connected@birmingham.gov.uk

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