

Dear Editor,

Our streets need to be safer and more inviting if we want our children to be more active (**British children are world leaders in inactivity, The Times, 23 May 2024**).

This week is Living Streets' Walk to School Week and thousands of children have been celebrating the many benefits of walking to school. However, this simple act is denied to many of our children because our streets don't feel safe and welcoming enough.

Parents we polled ahead of Walk to School Week said that they were put off walking to school because of a lack of safe crossings, speeding vehicles and cars parked on the pavement.

By improving our streets for walking, we can help create more opportunities for children to get active as part of their daily routines, such as the journey to school.

That's why we are calling on the next UK Government to prioritise safer streets and commit to a target of 60% of primary school aged children walking to school by 2029.

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