

Moving Up: routes to secondary school

Time: 60 minutes

Age: Year 6

(Parents/Guardians are encouraged to join & help)

Activity Overview:

To learn how to use different online maps tools to plan a walking cycling, scooting or wheeling route to your new school!

What you'll need:

- Computer
- Internet Connection
- Name and address of your new Secondary School! ☺
- Piece of paper

Did You Know...



People who make maps are called cartographers



Google Maps images are updated every two weeks via satellite footage!

Task one: Let's Get Started - Google Maps!

First, watch this [YouTube video](#) that teaches you how to use [Google Maps](#).

Then, type the name and address of your new secondary school into Google Maps and use [Google Street View](#) to have a look what the school looks like from the outside.

Now add the address of your house into the second box and click the box to check the route recommended for different travel modes.

Answer the following questions:

- How many miles is it from your house to your new school?
- How long will it take to cycle your route?
- How long will it take to walk your route?
- How long do you think it would take to scoot or wheel your route?

- *[HINT: scooting and wheeling is usually faster than walking but slower than cycling]*



Use the box below to write your answers



Online maps



There are lot of different online maps that you can use but the two websites we will use for this activity are:

- [Google Maps](#)
- [TFL Cycle Maps](#)



You could also look at:

- [Citymapper](#)
- [CycleStreets](#)

Distance from my house (miles)	Time to cycle	Time to walk	Time to scoot or wheel

Improving Your Route



Online map tools often give the **shortest route**, but is it **the best route**?

Write down all the features that you think are important. Would you prefer a **quieter route**? A route on a **cycle path** or even a route that goes through your **favourite park**?

EXAMPLE:
A route that goes near a friend's house!

What makes a good route to school for me?



Task Two: Editing your route - GOOGLE MY MAPS



If you have decided that using a cycle path is important for you, check [TFL Cycle Maps](#) to see if there are any cycle paths on the route.



If there are, you can edit your google maps route from task one to include the cycle routes using [Google My Maps](#). You can use [this guide](#) to help you with this.

Parent & Guardian sign-off!

Once you have an idea of the new route that you wish to take, get your **parent and guardian** to have a look at it! Have a look through it with them and discuss with them why you chose your route.



Try it out!

Once you've agreed on the best possible route to your new school, **try it out!** The **summer holidays** are the perfect time to test what your route to your new school will look like! 😊

You should receive a Moving Up! competition with this activity. Please enter our competition by September 31st. Everything you've learnt here will help you to complete it!

Remember: Can you remember the green cross code from school? You must always **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** to be aware of traffic when crossing the street or taking a walk.

We'd love to hear from you!

If you complete this activity, please send us photos:

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