**Schools Travel**

The Schools Travel Policy was introduced in 2005.

**The aims of the scheme are to:**

* achieve consistency in the way in which schools insure their activities
* avoid the possibility of a school forgetting to arrange insurance
* maximise the purchasing power of schools by negotiating discounted rates

The annual premium is based on pupil numbers. This non-adjustable premium incorporates the following benefits:

* world-wide cover for all activities authorised/organised by the school outside of their boundaries (without the need to submit declarations).
* premium based on pupil numbers, but cover also applies to staff, Governors & any other accompanying adult authorised to undertake a journey.
* no premium loading or referral required for hazardous activities.
* cover extends to staff appraising potential venues, courses & conferences.
* 24 hour international emergency assistance.
* assistance re: pre-travel advice on visa, driving & vaccination requirements and information on climate, currency, hotels, travel & healthcare facilities.
* no returns required for trips.

The majority of Shropshire schools have now joined the travel scheme.

Several claims have been made this year and all have been settled satisfactorily and in a very timely manner by the insurers. The feedback from schools involved in the scheme is excellent and has saved schools a considerable amount of both time and money.