

School Travel Policy

We have a vision for every child and young person to travel to our school in a healthy, safe and sustainable way.

By implementing Modeshift Stars and building a working School Travel Plan, this will help us to provide focus and clear aims and objectives that are specific to only to our school's needs but take into consideration the needs of our children and wider community.

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk or cycle to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

Our school will be working towards

- reducing car use to reduce congestion and pollution outside school
- providing choices for travel and make sure that transport is not a barrier to educational choice and attainment
- improving travel safety
- improving the health of children and young people
- raising awareness and promote environmentally sustainable travel
- helping our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently

Our commitment to our schools Travel Policy will be:

- Use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- Commit to achieving a Bronze accreditation
- To promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our newsletter and our school website
- To encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school.
- To engage with our local community to improve community cohesion

To support this, we will make sure we provide training for your children:

- Cycle training (Bikeability Y5 and 6)
- Pedestrian training
- Route planning (transition / journey planning)
- Park and stride zones devised with our ambassadors and school council

We will aim to provide:

- 5/10/15min walking maps with alternative parking options and safe walking routes
- Cycle parking at the front of school
- Scooter parking
- Park n 'Stride zones
- Drop & Go

What we ask of parents/carers:

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- If you do need to bring your car, ensure your engine is turned off whilst parked and waiting
- Ensure that all children are restrained in suitable car seats
- Ensure that your vehicle only carries the amount of passengers allowed for that vehicle
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt, consult a qualified mechanic
- We advise that you seriously consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

Where a car must be used, we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child (ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted

We have a Park & Stride zone set at 5/10/15 minute intervals away from school (see separate maps) and a Drop and Go area located in our car park.

If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and residents

It is **NOT** acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, or across residential driveways for any length of time. Please find a safer location and walk with your children to school.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of children:

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling, or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly, and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it