



Stocksbridge Nursery School Travel Policy

At Stocksbridge Nursery School we are committed to increasing the levels of active and sustainable travel on the school journey. We encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We will discuss the policy with the pupils **and governors** and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils, parents or staff unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport, park and stride or car-share.

If you have any ideas to improve things at or around school for pedestrians and cyclists, or questions about travelling to school, please get in touch with Rob Barker.

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

- establishing positive active travel behaviour
- improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- promoting independence and improving safety/spatial awareness
- reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school

To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot to school frequently the school will:

- actively promote cycling, scooting and walking as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who cycle, scoot and walk to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site (when Covid safe)
- provide high quality cycle/scooter training to all pupils who wish to participate
- provide educational sessions to increase awareness around road safety

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code
- check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained
- behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting
- consider wearing a cycle helmet
- ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- consider cycling or scooting with their child on the school run, possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train'
- provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate
- ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Please note that:

- the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision
- this policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there may be additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc
- parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the school is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school.

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