

## Prince of Wales School Active Travel Policy



At the Prince of Wales School we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (“Active Travel”) 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 re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. We appreciate that some children are not able to come to school by “Active travel”. For these pupils unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport 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 Mr. Spracklen or our Sustrans Schools officer Mr. Jonathan Dixon ([Jonathan.Dixon@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Dixon@sustrans.org.uk)).

### **Some of the benefits of active travel:**

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- Establishing positive “active travel” behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.

**To encourage pupils to cycle or scooter to school frequently the school will:**

Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling

Celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scooter to school

Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site

Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

Hold events such as '*Bling-your-Bike*', '*Dr. Bike*' and '*Bike-it-Breakfast*' to encourage a fun and joyful view of cycling and scooting to school

Provide some opportunities for developing cycling skills at school

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

Wear a cycle helmet

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

Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

**For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:**

Encourage their child to walk, cycle or scooter 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:**

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 additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc

Parents are advised that the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to pupil's bicycles and scooters left on the premises.