



## Active Travel policy

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At Meadlands Primary School we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible. However, if there are some pupils who are unable to travel to school actively, we encourage them to either use public transport or park and stride.

Our school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel in school.

### Some of the benefits of active travel:

- Improving mental health
- Improving physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- 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
- Improving the air quality around school

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

- Actively promote cycling, scooting and walking as a positive way of travelling through running special themed active travel days and weeks
- Celebrate the achievements of those who cycle, scoot and walk to school
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site however parents must supply their own lock if they wish the bikes to be locked.
- Arrange Bikeability, Safe Walking and Scooter training for pupils in Year6, 3 and 2
- Deliver activities and assemblies that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school
- Run bike and scooter maintenance sessions with our local Dr.Bike team
- Run yearly second-hand bike markets with Peddle my Wheels.

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

- Ride and walk sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code and Green Cross Code.
- Behave responsibly as a pupil of Meadlands Primary School, and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting.
- Encourage the use of a cycle helmet to be worn at all times when cycling to and from school.
- 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 scoot to school whenever possible.
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting.
- Consider cycling, scooting and walking 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 following:

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes (check home insurance) as the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters.**
- 3. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there may be additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as the use of helmets. The school will provide high-visibility vests where appropriate.**