

St Barnabas CE Primary School

Active Travel Policy

At St Barnabas CE Primary 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 and why we promote safe and active travel to school.

We will discuss the policy with the pupils, remind parents/carers of the key messages through newsletters and re-visit the policy periodically to ensure its relevance.

For pupils unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or car share and to walk at least the last 5 minutes of the journey. To support this, we have identified a 5 minute walking zone around our school.

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 Miss Boardman, the Headteacher or our Sustrans Schools officer, Erin Gray (erin.gray@sustrans.org.uk).

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

- 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, scoot or walk 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
- provide high quality cycle and pedestrian training to all pupils who wish to participate.

For the safety of pupils:

- there will be no vehicular access to the school site from 8:20-8:50am and from 2:45-3:15pm
- we ask parents/carers who have to travel by car to avoid driving into and parking in Jubilee Terrace as this is a cul-de-sack with very little room to manoeuvre
- cars are not permitted to stop or wait on the double yellow lines on the school access road. Our facilities manager will place cones on these pavements to highlight this.
- we may contact the council about drivers who park illegally.

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
- 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.