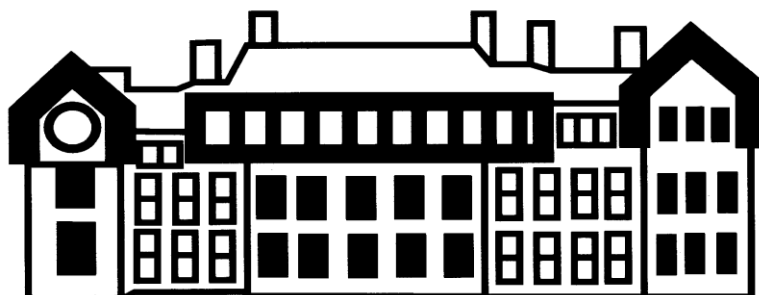


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SCHOOL

Active Travel Policy

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Agreed: Lynsey Christini-Clay (Chair of Governors)

Active Travel Policy

At Gordon Primary School we encourage pupils, parents and carers to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible for the following reasons:

1, 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

2, To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot 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 scoot to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate

3, 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
- wear a cycle helmet
- ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate

4, 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

5, What we do as a school to promote active travel:

- all local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- we encourage all members of our school community to walk, scoot, cycle or travel by public transport to school
- where a car must be used we ask all parents to drive only part of the way, park away from the school and walk the last few minutes of the journey ('park and walk')
- we promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, newsletter and website

6, Points to 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) and 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 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.

7, Monitoring & Evaluation

- This policy is monitored and evaluated by the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) Leader who will inform the Headteacher of the success of the policy and any amendments that may be required.
- The PSHE Leader will ensure that the Active Travel Policy is implemented and will promote events within the school community to demonstrate our commitment to active travel.



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