



Pensford School Travel Policy

December 2018

Due for review: December 2021

Person responsible: Headteacher (Warrick Barton)

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at www.pensford.bathnes.sch.uk
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk to school wherever possible.
- We recognise that our school site does not currently lend itself to cycling or scooting to school. However, our current plan is focused on improving access in a number of ways, and we are committed to improving the access year on year.
- By the end of this year, our aims are to provide:
 - Scooter training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Scooter parking
 - Storage for helmets/equipment
 - Public transport information
 - Easier drop/off and pick/up zones within a 5-minute walk of the school
- Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by.
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school.

What we ask of parents.

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic.
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet.
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing.



- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it.
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school.
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
 - We have a park and stride site outside of the Memorial Hall (where signs do not indicate that the car park is unavailable). See the map below:
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- Although we recognise that our school site presents challenges in this regard, if you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time. It is also not legal to park in the bus stop, even if you are a blue badge holder.



Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of pupils

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it