

# Totley Primary School



## Travel Policy

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### **Our Vision**

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

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

### **What we do**

In order to promote a wider range of travel to school we:

- Use MODESHIFT STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- Promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletters and website to encourage different modes of travel to school
- Encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - Cycle training (Bikeability)
  - Cycle parking
  - Road safety training
  - Big Pedal opportunities and rewards
  - Staff initiatives
  - Public transport training
  - Partnership with PWLC via the Bikelt programme
- Make local school trips by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- 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**

We ask parents and carers of children of Totley Primary School to:

- Encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school wherever possible
- Ensure children walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters up the school path
- Ensure that bikes and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained
- Provide children with a cycle helmet
- Ensure children can be seen by fitting lights to their bike or by supplying them with high-visibility clothing or tags
- Make sure children have a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- Ensure that bikes or scooters are appropriately insured as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or on the way to or from school

We understand that sometimes there are no alternatives to driving to school but:

- Where a car must be used, we ask that parents drive only part of the way and park just outside of our '5 minute walk zone' so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted. A map for the 5 minute walk zone can be found as an attachment to the policy.
- If you do have to drive children to school and stop in the near vicinity, please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours, the local residents and other pedestrians making their way to school.
- It is not acceptable to park or wait across residential driveways for any period of time. It is also not acceptable to park on the pavements or close to the school gates. Please take heed of the road markings which are now in place.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parents and carers to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

### **What we ask of pupils**

We ask pupils to:

- Ask for permission from parents to be able to walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light when 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
- Use the Dr Bike sessions to check that your bikes and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure that 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 know how to use it

