



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy



ACTIVE TRAVEL POLICY

Date of Policy February 2022

Date of Policy Review February 2024 (or sooner if required)

At St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible. To help with this we work with Modeshift STARS and other travel initiatives to make sustainable and active travel easier for everyone.

This school travel policy explains how we encourage active travel to school. For pupils unable to come by foot or bike, we like to encourage the use of the 'Park and Stride' initiative, public transport or car-share.

Some of the benefits of active travel:

- 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 Dr Bike days to give free bike safety checks
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

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

- Be pro-helmet – Ride and walk sensibly and safely and dismount at the school gates.
- Use the bicycle and scooter storage provided by the school.
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Be considerate of the needs of others when cycling or scooting.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing bright or high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

To make journeys a positive experience for all by encourage pupils to:

- Show responsible and courteous behaviour on all types of transport e.g. public, coaches, trains and trams both during and outside of school hours.

For the well-being of our pupils, we promote active travel to our parents and carers by:

- Encouraging their child/ren to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- Encouraging their child/ren to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- Consider cycling, scooting and walking with their child/ren on the school run; possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train'
- Encouraging their child/ren to dress brightly by wearing high-visibility or bright clothing, have working lights, a bicycle lock and be pro-helmet.
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained and provide