



Active Travel Policy



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At Cardinal Road Infant and Nursery School we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance.

For pupils unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or car-share.

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 us.

We are part of a School Safe Street scheme which means cars unless they have special permission cannot park or drive in Cardinal Road between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm and 3:45pm. This supports walking and scooting to school.

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 scoot to school frequently the school will:

- actively promote scooting as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who scoot to school
- provide scooter storage on the school site
- organise frequent scoot to school breakfasts

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

- scoot sensibly and safely
- check that their scooter is well maintained
- behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when *scooting*

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- wear a cycle helmet
- wear high-visibility clothing and lights so they are easily seen by others

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- encourage their child to walk, or scoot to school whenever possible
- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in scooting
- consider cycling or scooting with their child on the school run, possibly joining with other families
- provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights and cycle helmet
- ensure that the scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Please note that:

- the decision as to whether a child is competent to, 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.
- The school will expect parents and children to abide by school rules and not ride scooters or bicycles on the school site
- 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 scooters being used on the way to or from school or when parked in the scooter or bicycle racks on the school premises.

Please note that the policy above also covers the use of bikes, but we would like to remind parents / carers that it is against council and city bylaws for anyone to ride their bike on a public footpath.