



## School Travel Policy

### Policy Review

This policy (based on Modeshift Stars Education School Travel Policy) will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body bi-annually.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body in Spring 2023

It is due for review in Spring 2025

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Travel Plan Coordinator

Date

2023

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Chair of Governors

Date

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## 1. Why do we do it?

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

## 2. 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 [stcaths.herts.sch.uk](http://stcaths.herts.sch.uk)
- We 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
  - Scooter training
  - Pedestrian training
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - Public transport information
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or 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

### **3. What we ask of carers and parents**

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot (no motorised scooters) or cycle to school whenever possible and safe
- Please plan the route to school to ensure it is safe for the method of travel and that you and the child(ren) feel secure to undertake the journey following the rules and guidance of the highway code
- 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
- Ensure that your child(ren) wears an appropriately fitted cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen:
  - by fitting lights to their bike
  - by supplying them with high-visibility clothing

Additional measures may include fitting manufacturer approved high visibility additions to their bike/scooter i.e. mounted reflectors

- 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
- It is illegal to use privately owned motorised scooters on public roads, pavements and cycle lanes. Motorised scooters are prohibited from the school grounds and should not be used for travel to school.

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

- Where a car must be used, please consider driving only part of the way and drop your child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- To avoid the likelihood of an accident please consider not parking on Haslewood Avenue immediately outside of the school and utilise the free car parking available within our town.

- When parked please turn off your engine to avoid the school children inhaling the car fume toxins and improve the air quality around the school, it will even save you money.
- 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, across the schools driveways, residents driveways or Sainsbury's garage forecourt for any period of time. We are lucky to have ample free parking within 50m of the school so there is no excuse.

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.

#### **4. 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
- Wear 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
- Do NOT play on roads or crossings
- Follow the Highway Code – Click on the below hyperlinks to see the current rules for pedestrians and cyclists:
  - [Rules for pedestrians](#)
  - [Rules for cycling](#)