



## STOWER PROVOST COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### SCHOOL TRAVEL POLICY

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We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle 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 become more independent
- Help keep our local air clean and the road free from congestion
- Are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

#### What we do

- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible
- We encourage members of our community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport whenever possible, including the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - Cycle training
  - Pedestrian training
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - Visits to safety training
- We let new pupils and parents/carers know that we are promote healthy and sustainable travel to school.
- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan

#### 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 push bikes and scooters in the school grounds
- Ensure that bikes and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high visibility clothing
- Make sure your child has a lock for their bike or scooter and knows how to use it

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

- Where a car must be used we ask that parents car share whenever possible
- Drive part of the way and then walk or scoot to school

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

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school if safe to do
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using the bus
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes or scooters on the school grounds
- Check that your bike 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

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent/carer to make.