



Guyhirn Church of England Primary School & Pre-school

Member of the Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust

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School Travel Policy

Our Vision

Agape – To live, to learn, to love together

Through our Christian values we aim to inspire all of our school community to show equality and tolerance to all in a safe, challenging environment.

Developing resilient, aspirational and compassionate individuals who are enthused by all faiths and lifestyles showing faith and belief in one another.

“Live in agreement with one another. Do not be proud but ready to mix with everyone. Do not think yourself better than others.” - Romans 12:16

“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks it out.” - Proverbs 18:15

“Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbour as yourselves.” - Matthew 22:37

Our Values

We are a small, family centered Church of England Primary School that is committed to promoting our Christian values of Thankfulness, Compassion, Creativity, Peace, Hope, Endurance, Forgiveness, Tolerance, Kindness, Respect, Trust and Friendship each linked with the core value of Love.

We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where everyone will be challenged in their thinking, to succeed to the best of their abilities and strive to become lifelong learners.

We will empower our children to become respected citizens to enable them to make valuable contributions locally, globally and to contribute to our world's sustainable future.

This policy sets out our processes in relation to our school travel plans.

A Travel Plan is a population wide strategy for travel behaviour change that can be applied to any setting (Education, Business, Community), that includes the evidence and rationale to secure commitment and funding to support the promotion of sustainable and active travel.

Specifically, a Travel Plan is a package of measures that aims to reduce car use to and from any given site. This may target a place that people travel to (e.g. a workplace, school, place of worship, transport interchange, stadium), or a place that people travel from (e.g. residential housing development).

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We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as these modes of transport:

- 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.

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 www.guyhirn.cambs.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 (Bikeability)
 - Pedestrian training delivered in PSHE lessons
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
- Local school trips are made by coach, 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.

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 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.
- 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(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.
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

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

- 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.
- Please turn your engine off when you have parked your vehicle.
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.

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.

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.
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet.

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