



School Travel Policy

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	✓	Seaton Sluice Middle School
	✓	Whytrig Middle School
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1 Overview

1.1 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

2.1 To support this, as a federation we:

- use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plans
- promote safe and active travel as much as possible through assemblies, displays in school, newsletters and other messages to parents, and the federation's website
- encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school, supported by cycle training (Bikeability), cycle and scooter parking, and public transport information
- ensure that local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at one of our schools

3 What we ask

3.1 We ask all **parents/carers** to:

- please encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- ensure your child walks or rides 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 you provide your child with a cycle helmet
- ensure your child can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child's bicycle or scooter, as the federation 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
- consider (if you travel by bus) getting off the bus at least two stops early and walking the last part of the journey

3.2 We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school. Where a car must be used, we ask parents/carers to drive only part of the way, and drop their child off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted.

3.3 Parents/carers of SVHS and WMS pupils are asked to use the off-site 'park and stride' car park at Western Avenue to drop off and pick up their child. There is a safe accessible route into school from this car park.

3.4 Alston Grove is designated as an official 'School Street' with just pedestrian and cycle access permitted at key points during the day. There are also no waiting

restrictions at certain times in the surrounding streets.

- 3.5 We ask that parents/carers, visitors and community users please help us to ensure that our children are kept safe. There are residents and businesses close to our school entrances on both sites, and balancing students entering and exiting school with our neighbours accessing their premises requires care and vigilance from everyone.
- 3.6 Parents/carers, visitors and community users must therefore respect the double yellow and zig zag line marking in the vicinity of our schools and car parks.
- 3.7 Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for parents/carers to make. The federation has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.
- 3.8 We ask pupils to:
- ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
 - behave in a way that shows you and your 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
 - ensure you 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