School Travel Policy
Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School

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Introduction

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

Rationale

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 and electronic communication (Facebook and parent mail).

We encourage all members of our school community to walk, ride or scoot to school wherever possible.

We are committed to improving our children's understanding of the importance of safe travel to school.

Aims and objectives

By the end of this year, our aims are to provide:

• Scooter training
• Pedestrian training
• Increase the number of children walking, scooting and riding to school.
• Increase children road safety awareness

Local school trips are made 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.

Parent's role

We encourage parents to support the school and their children by encouraging their child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible. We ask parents to:

• Ensure 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 child(ren) are provided with a cycle helmet.
• Ensure child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing.
• Ensure child(ren) have a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it.
• Consider appropriate insurance cover for their child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter, 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.

Pupil's role

We ask our pupils to:

• Ask their parents if they can walk, scoot or cycle to school.
• Behave in a way that shows that both they and the school are presented 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 their bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained.
• Make sure they can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing.
• Consider having a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it.

Driving to school

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school. Parents must ensure children travel safely in their car adhering to car seat laws and requirements.

Where a car must be used, we ask parents to drive only part of the way and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted.

Parents must ensure they park their car in a designated parking bay or space.

Parents must ensure they do not drop children off directly on the main road, they must park and escort children to the pedestrian gate shown on the map below.

Parents must ensure they park legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and residents. It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways at any time.