



Hoyland Springwood Primary School

Active Travel and Road Safety Policy



At Hoyland Springwood Primary we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible. We are committed to promoting travel to and from school by safe and sustainable means.

Aims:

- To establish and maintain a school ethos that incorporates;-
 - o Safer journeys to school
 - o Walking to school as the preferred means of travel
 - o Congestion free school gates
 - o Investigate and encourage other forms of transport for school journeys.
- To educate children and parents in road safety issues and make them aware of the dangers of road traffic around the school environment.
- To encourage children to take road safety issues that they have learnt from school and adopt them in other areas of their lives e.g. around their home environment so they may become confident with these skills
- To encourage a healthy attitude and walking culture amongst the school community that will lead to a healthier life style

This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils unable to come by foot or bike, we encourage use of public transport or car-share. If you have any ideas to improve things at or around school for pedestrians and cyclists, or questions about travelling to school, please get in touch with the Head Teacher.

Some of the benefits of active travel:

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage pupils to walk to school frequently the school will:

- Press upon parents that this is the preferred means of travel to school
- Embed road safety education from a young age

To encourage pupils to cycle or scooter to school frequently the school will:

- Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- Celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scooter to school
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting
- Wear a cycle helmet made to British Standards specifications

- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate.

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to walk, cycle or scooter to school whenever possible
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- Consider cycling or scooting with their child on the school run
- Provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Please note: The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle or scooter safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes (check home insurance) as the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters.

Car journeys

We appreciate that for some of our families, the use of cars is unavoidable for the journey to and from the school. However, for the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Please not park in the road outside school, particularly on the zigzag lines but park away from the school at a sensible location that will not impede the safety of others, so where possible, we ask that parents should then be encouraged to walk the final part of the journey to adhere to the schools' 'walking ethos'. Parking in the car park adjacent to school is very limited and as we rent the space yearly as a school community, we need to demonstrate that anyone who does so, is a considerate user – to each other and to the children that walk across it.
- Keep car use to a minimum or where possible, car share with another family.
- Consider park and stride. Park a few minutes' walk (approximately 10 minutes) away from school and complete the journey to school on foot.
- Please approach the school community with caution, drive at a sensible speed and be aware of other road users and pedestrians and in accordance with the Highway Code.
- All car passengers should be restrained by seat belts, being using booster seats in line with current legislation and child locks should be used if appropriate.

Road Safety in General

- Parents should be encouraged to notify the school of any road safety issues within the school community that they believe has the potential of causing an accident.
- The school will maintain links with Barnsley County Council and the Community Police and work in partnership to ensure road safety practices are upheld
- Constant reminders of the schools' road safety policy and ethos will be provided to parents via the school newsletter, website and occasional hand-outs.

Road Safety in the Curriculum

- Time is devoted within PSHE and other curriculum topics promoting road safety and school travel through such methods as road traffic surveys and walks around the local area
- Road safety issues will be raised on a regular basis during school assemblies
- Road safety will also be introduced to children through class work, specialist events e.g. Life Skills, visiting speakers and national campaigns.

School Trips

- Safety procedures are recognised as a factor when planning a school visit.
- Specific practices are identified as appropriate for each trip.
- Safe pupil behaviour is expected.
- Parental consent for all trips is obtained.
- Children will walk to as many trips and events as possible rather than using a different form of transport.

Supporting the Pupils in Active Travel

- Time will be dedicated in the school annual calendar to utilise Modeshift STARS to add capacity to train, support and celebrate the children

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This policy is to be reviewed Summer 2025

Signed:

Chair of Governors:

Headteacher:
