



PEARTREE SPRING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Active Travel

Policy



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responsible for review



At Peartree Spring Primary we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible. This policy explains how we encourage active travel to school. For pupils unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or carshare. 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 Mrs Dell.

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

- improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- establishing positive active travel behaviour (*Article 29 Your education should help you learn to respect other people*)
- promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community (*Article 24 You have the right to a clean and safe environment*)
- reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school (*Article 29 Your education should help you learn to protect the environment*).

To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot to school frequently (*Article 24 You have the right to information that will help you stay well*) the school will:

- actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scoot to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site (next to the Year 6 classrooms and the Reception garden)
- provide high quality scooter and cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate
- have Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) who distribute safety information through assemblies, homework tasks and playground games.

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
- consider wearing a cycle helmet
- ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate.

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot 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, possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train'
- 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 that:

- the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision
- this policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there may

additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc

- parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the school is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school.