



Active Travel Policy

At Market Weighton Infant School we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible. 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 travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or carshare. If you have any suggestions or questions about travelling to school, please get in touch with the school office staff.

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

- Walking and cycling keeps us fit and healthy
- It helps pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe in later life
- Cycling is a life skill that everyone should be able to benefit from.
- It helps keep our local air clean and our streets free from congestion
- It helps us maintain friendly relationships with our neighbours by cutting congestion and issues with parking
- It is fun to walk and talk with friends and family

To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot 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 scoot to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- provide scooter and balance bike 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 (with a little help from their parents!) to:

- ride sensibly and safely
- 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.

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.

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