

TRANSPORT POLICY

The Royal Academy of Music has more than 700 full-time students and employs 400 full- and part-time teaching staff and 120 administrative and support staff. As part of our overall Environmental Policy, we are committed to reducing our carbon emissions across all aspects of the Academy. With transport usage being a key contributor to carbon emissions, we have introduced this policy to raise awareness of this among staff, students and visitors.

As well as covering short-distance journeys to the Academy for work, study or pleasure, this policy also covers longer-distance travel, such as that involving visiting artists and international students returning to their homes.

Our objectives for short-distance travel are:

- To promote the use of public transport.
- To promote the Cycle to Work scheme among staff.
- To encourage walking and cycling wherever possible.
- To promote the use of bicycles and increase the number of bike racks.
- To minimise reliance on taxis.
- To promote alternatives to travel, where possible, by using Zoom and Teams for meetings and conferences.

Our objectives for long-distance travel are:

- To limit journeys to those deemed necessary, eg some auditions can be carried out online.
- To promote the use of trains over cars wherever possible.
- To limit short- and long-haul travel by air.

In light of these objectives, we are working towards ensuring our students, staff and visitors are aware of their impact on the environment as a result of their travel choices, and are working to improve our situation, as detailed in our Environmental Action Plan.

This policy was written with the intention of being considered in conjunction with the Environmental Policy, and as such, will be reviewed annually by the environmental committee, Sostenuto, with a written report presented annually to the Governing Body and subsequently made publicly available.