

Village Infants

Active Travel Plan



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At Village Infants we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking, cycling, and scooting wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how Village Infants will be encouraging active travel. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. This policy has been agreed by Head teacher.

For pupils and staff who are unable to walk, cycle or scoot their whole journey to and from school, we encourage the use of public transport, and car share.

What are the benefits of active travel?

- Improves mental health leading to improved attendance and academic success
- Improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness
- Reduces congestion and noise in the community
- Improves air quality around the school

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits we each have an important role to play:

Staff

We will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Annually participate in the Big Walk and Wheel to promote active travel
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
- Deliver assemblies/class assemblies promoting the importance of active travel.
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site

- Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school

Pupils

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Behave in a sensible, safe, respectful manner and consider the needs of others when travelling
- Use lights and high-visibility clothing where appropriate and consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Follow the rules of the road (Highway Code) when travelling

Parents and Carers

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

- Encourage their child to travel actively to school
- Consider walking, cycling, or scooting with their child
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking cycling and scooting
- Provide their child with the safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, and cycle helmet and a lock

Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

We would like to thank you in advance for supporting our travel policy. If you have any ideas on how to promote or provide new opportunities for active travel please get in touch.