



St Mary's College

Travel Plan Policy

Statement

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St Mary's College actively encourages those of our pupils and staff who can to walk, scoot or cycle to school as it:

- keeps us fit and healthy
- helps our pupils develop road safety awareness and skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently in life
- helps keep our local air cleaner, and to support our streets to be more free from congestion
- is a life skill that everyone should be able to benefit from

What we do

- We use regularly update and monitor our school travel plan and aim to support the Modeshift Stars travel scheme
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboards, electronic display screens, newsletter , emails and texts home and our website/ social media channels
- We encourage members of our school community who are able, to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Cycling skills and information
 - Cycle/Scooter parking
 - Access to schemes to purchase helmets/ cycling equipment
 - Public transport information
 - A scholar transport service
- Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school when their child starts at our school

What we ask of parents/carers

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever this is possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to dismount and push their bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained.
- You must provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure that your child(ren) can be seen when it is dark by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with some high-visibility clothing items
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents consider driving only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off a short distance away from the school so that the end of the journey can be walked

- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please stop and park legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
 - It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.
 - It is not acceptable to stop your car in live traffic to let students out in a hurry

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) solely to make.

The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of our students

- Ask your parents/carers if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school if you live near enough to
- You are expected to behave in a way on the roads and pavements that shows you and the school in the best light whether you are walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Dismount and push bikes and scooters as soon as you enter the school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- You must wear a cycle helmet – it saves lives
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it on all occasions. The school is not responsible for the theft of your equipment