



## Active Travel Policy

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<b>Related Policies</b>	<b>Health and Safety Policy</b>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment- Have any adverse impacts been identified under the Equalities Plan? (nb – if answered ‘yes’ please attach a Full Impact Assessment)</b>	
<b>Is there an impact on the Governor Handbook? (if ‘yes’ please inform Clerk)</b>	<b>No</b>

### Overview

At Henleaze Infant School we encourage pupils, parents, carers and staff to actively travel to school wherever possible, by walking, scooting, biking or, where a car is necessary, park & striding.

This school travel policy sets out how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We will share the policy with the whole school and wider community, including pupils, parents, carers, staff and local residents.

We hope that pupils, parents, carers and staff will look forward to their 'active' journey to school, to 'parking' their scooter or bike on arrival, and that active travel will be something they remember from their early years, and becomes a habit that they will continue for the rest of their lives.

**Benefits of active travel include:**

- improving health and wellbeing through physical activity and the social side of actively travelling to school
- establishing positive active travel behaviours now and for the future
- promoting independence and improving safety awareness on pavements and crossing roads
- reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school, including congestion, noise and pollution (including CO2 emissions) and resulting improvements to local wildlife habitats
- making the journey to school safer, as an increase in active travel will result in a reduction in car traffic within the immediate vicinity of the school
- improving relationships with our neighbours and everyone within our school community as actively travelling to school is a very sociable experience.

**To encourage pupils, parents, carers and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school frequently, the school will:**

- appoint an Eco-Committee, of Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils, and allow them to plan engaging activities that encourage active travel, including developing a Green Travel Pledge
- actively promote walking, scooting and cycling as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who walk, scoot or cycle to school
- install and promote new and improved cycle and scooter storage on the school site, including putting up signage around the school site to signpost the new storage and promote active travel
- develop a safe scooting and biking policy (a Bike and Scooter Agreement)

**To make scooting and cycling to and from school a positive experience for everyone, the school will develop a Bike and Scooter Policy to encourage all to:**

- scoot or ride sensibly and safely, following the Highway Code
- ask their parents or carers to make sure that their scooter or bike is roadworthy and regularly maintained

- behave in a responsible manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of other pedestrians and road users when scooting or cycling
- wear a cycle helmet
- ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-vis clothing as necessary
- walk with the scooter or bicycle in the school grounds

## **Notes**

Please note that the decision as to whether a child is competent to walk, scoot or cycle to and from school rests with the parent(s) or 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.

Scooters & bikes are stored on the school site at the user's own risk. The school cannot accept any claims for damage, loss or theft of scooters or bicycles inside or outside the school.