



School Travel Policy

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Article 24: Every child has the right to be healthy, have nutritious food, clean water, a clean environment and good quality health care.

Article 29: Education must develop every child to be the best that they can be. It must encourage children to respect all people and the world around them

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At Colindale Primary School we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking, cycling and scooting whenever possible.

This school travel policy explains how Colindale Primary School encourage active travel. We discuss the policy with our pupils and re-visit it every three years to ensure its relevance. This policy has been agreed by the Senior Leadership Team and shared with staff, governors, pupils and parents.

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, car share and park and stride.

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 realize these benefits, we each have an important role to play:

Staff

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

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- Providing annual cycle training
- Ensuring we update our school travel plan annually and that it is accredited under TfL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) scheme
- 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 and respectful manner and to consider the needs of others when travelling
- Use lights and high-visibility clothing where appropriate and consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained
- 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 safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet and a lock
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and well maintained

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

Colindale Primary School 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. Additionally, we would be interested to hear your ideas of how to improve safety or air quality around Colindale Primary School

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