

HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Travelling to School Policy

Rationale

Holymead Primary School is committed to promoting sustainable travel. walking, cycling or bus travel. We encourage staff and pupils to walk or cycle to and from school and to avoid car travel whenever possible. When car travel is necessary, we encourage families and staff to car-share and to park away from the school building so that a ten-minute walk is part of the journey to school. By encouraging families to park and stride, this makes the roads surrounding the school building safer for our parents and children as they are less congested. Pupils will also benefit as a short morning walk will help them to feel alert and ready to learn once they arrive in school.

Purposes

- Reduce congestion and car trips to school by pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Promoting Global Goals and looking after the environment by promoting sustainable travel
- Increase physical activity and an awareness of the importance of exercise for health among pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Improve the journey to school for pedestrians and cyclists

Guidelines

- Bike racks are provided for staff convenience.
- Pupils can have access to bike rack on the KS2 site providing parents or carers give consent for cycling to school.
- Bikeability course is run annually for Year 5/6 pupils to support them with bike and road safety when riding a bike to school.
- Road Safety Week and Walk to School Week is celebrated annually.
- All year groups take part in Road Safety Awareness programmes and activities, including assemblies, visitors and awareness days.
- Parents, carers and staff, who use similar routes to school, are encouraged to car share to reduce journeys.
- Those who cannot avoid using the car are encouraged to park away from school and walk the last ten minutes.
- Pupils learn about Global Goals, sustainability, how to care for the environment and healthy lifestyles in school.

Conclusion

All our initiatives will support our pupils to be fitter, healthier, more alert and ready to learn, as well as reducing the amount of traffic near our school.

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Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.