

HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Travelling to School Policy 2018

Rationale

Holymead Primary School encourages children, parents/carers and staff to consider walking, scooting, cycling, 'parking and striding' and bus travel where possible. We encourage staff and parents to avoid car travel although, when car travel is necessary, we encourage families and staff to car-share and to park away from the school so that a ten minute walk is part of their journey to school. As well as increasing the amount of exercise that children have, active travel makes the roads surrounding the school building safer for our parents and children.

Purposes

- To reduce car trips to school by pupils, parents/carers and staff, and increase active travel levels.
- To increase physical activity and an awareness of the importance of exercise among pupils, parents/carers and staff.
- To improve the journey to school for pedestrians.
- To decrease air pollution and congestion around the school area.

Guidelines

- Bike racks are provided for pupils', parents' and staff convenience.
- Pupils can have access to bike rack/shelter in KS2 providing parents/carers give consent for cycling to school.
- KS2 pupils can also walk home from school without a parent/carer as long as consent has been given.
- Road Safety is discussed during assemblies and interwoven into the curriculum across the school.
- 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, to ease congestion and so that children have some opportunity to exercise before school ('park and stride').
- Children take part in 'Walk to School' schemes to encourage them to travel actively to school.

Monitoring and Evaluation and Review

- Children take part in 'Walk to School' tracking, using an online system: KS2 will try to track pupils' journeys to schools daily, KS1 will take part in this initiative although the expectation will be significantly reduced (twice weekly).
- Children will take part in 'Walk to School' week and results will be tracked using the online system.

Conclusion

All initiatives will culminate in children being fitter, healthier and more alert and ready to learn, as well as reducing the amount of traffic and pollution near our school. Children will be more aware of the benefits of walking to school.

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