

## Thomas A' Becket Infant School



### Travel Policy

At the School we aim to teach children about the importance of a healthy lifestyle to promote the wellbeing of all our pupils. Part of this approach includes our commitment to helping children to understand how our choices impact on the environment.

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to School as it:

- keeps us fit and healthy;
- Helps our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently;
- helps reduce pollution and congestion; and
- Fosters life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from.

#### What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our School travel plan.
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at [www.tabinfant.org.uk](http://www.tabinfant.org.uk).
- We encourage all members of our School community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to School, wherever possible. To support this, we provide:
  - Whole School "keep safe" week, which includes teaching road safety to all year groups;
  - Assemblies to discuss road safety;
  - Cycle parking;
  - Scooter parking; and
  - Lockers for helmets/equipment or staff members.
- 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 before the child starts at our School.
- We have a one-way system in place around the School.
- We have a voluntary one-way system for parents/carers travelling by car.

#### What we ask of parents/carers

- To encourage their child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to School whenever possible.
- To remind their child(ren), to follow the road safety guidance.
- To ensure their child(ren) to walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from School, and to push bikes and scooters on School grounds.

- To ensure that bikes/scooters are pushed rather than rode on School grounds. To ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic.
- To provide their child(ren) with a cycle helmet if coming to School on a bike or scooter.
- To ensure their child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing.
- To ensure their child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter.
- To ensure they 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.

Please note that the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to School is for the parent/carer to make. The School has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

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

- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and park close by, please do so 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.

Parking on the School zigzags should NOT be done for any reason.

We encourage parents/carers to observe the voluntary one-way system as shown on the plan at Appendix 1.

### **What we ask of pupils**

- To ask their parents/carers if they can walk, scoot or cycle to School.
- To always stay with their grown up when coming to and from School.
- To behave in a way that demonstrates the School values whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport.
- To ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from School.
- To always push bikes and scooters on School grounds.
- To wear a cycle helmet.
- To make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather, and by wearing high-visibility clothing.
- To make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter, and that you use it.

<b>Approver</b>	<b>Signed by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Policies Governor</b>	<b>Lucy Doherty</b>	<b>25 November 2024</b>

Appendix 1

