



Travel Policy

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Great Binfields Primary School promotes to its pupils the range of benefits of pupils, walking, cycling and using a scooter to and from school. We actively encourage this form of travel – both for its impact on healthy lifestyles and our wider environment. These guidelines are to promote the health and safety of all of our pupils. The benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage as many pupils to cycle and scooter to school as we can, the School will:

- Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle/scoot to school.
- Provide cycle/scooter storage on the school site at both entrance points.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate (Bikeability).
- Provide scooting training in EYFS as part of the curriculum.

To make cycling/scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly/safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle/scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained, including:
 - Correct seat height
 - Correct handlebar height
 - Bell works
 - Brakes work effectively front and rear
 - Correct air pressure in tyres
 - Working lights front and rear

- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting.

Wear an appropriate kit:

- Wearing a well-fitted cycle helmet.
- Ensuring they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and helmet as appropriate.
- Accompany children under the age of 10 when cycling to school.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- All pupils must dismount when entering school premises. No cycling/scooting is permitted on school premises.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle/scoot to and from school safely rests with the parent/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover, as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles or scooters.