



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.



Travel Plan

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WHY OUR SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN?

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school for the following reasons:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- teach 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.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey (or part of the journey) to school. To support this, we provide:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability in Years 3 and 5)
 - Balanceability F2 (Reception Class)
 - Scooter training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or 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
- JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) help to deliver key safety messages to the whole school through presentations in Assembly and delivering the Walk Once a Week (WOW) badges monthly.

WHAT WE ASK OF PARENTS/ CARERS:

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, to dismount on school premises and push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- You ensure that your child does not ride their bike or scoot on the school premises to avoid accidents and near misses
- Ensure you 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.
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus early and walk the last part of the journey?

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETIMES THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVING TO SCHOOL.

- Where a car must be used, we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted

- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity 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 painted zigzags or across residential driveways for **any** period of time
- Consider car sharing if possible to reduce the number of car journeys during the school run
- Sign up to the school's 'Parent's Parking Promise' whereby you agree to keep your own and others' children safe by parking your car considerately and safely

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

WHAT WE ASK OF PUPILS:

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school and complete the daily challenge
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds AND when the pavement is very busy with pedestrians
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Ensure you wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing

HOW WE MONITOR:

- Parents/ carers **must** apply for their child to be granted permission to walk/cycle home from school unaccompanied by an adult.
- Successful applicants will be issued with a school exit pass, which states their name and that they are allowed to leave the school site independently, which they will need to show their teacher upon leaving the school grounds at the end of the day.
- If a pass is lost or stolen, permission will be withheld until a new one can be obtained- there may be a small charge for re-issuing to cover admin costs.
- If any child is found to have abused the trust placed in them, the school reserves the right to revoke the pass along with the permission to leave the premises unaccompanied by an adult with immediate effect.

