

Little Chalfont Primary School



School Travel Policy

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Aims

At Little Chalfont Primary School, we are **Ready, Respectful and Resilient** in all aspects of school life, including this School Travel Policy:

Ready to accept the need for change and encourage the formation of new habits across the school community.

Respectful to the needs of all school community members, working to help everyone become more active and helping to overcome barriers.

Resilient to educate and encourage everyone to take responsibility and play their small part in improving the travel choices within the community.

Objectives

We will actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school in order to:

- 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
- develop life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

What We Do

- We work with the Schools Sustainable Travel Team at Bucks County Council, using Modeshift STARS resources, 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 <https://www.littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk/>
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this, we provide:
 - WOW Walk to School Challenges
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
- 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.

What We Ask of Pupils

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school

- 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
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing

What We Ask of Parents

- 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, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt, consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- 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
- Decide on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school. Please note, the school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

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
 - We have a 5 / 10 minute walk zone we ask parents to part outside of <https://www.littlechalfontprimaryschool.co.uk/school-travel-plan/>
- 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
 - We ask parents to sign up to our Parent Parking Pledge
 - 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.