



# Lea Nursery Travel Plan and Policy

This policy is applicable to all regardless of gender, sexuality, religious belief or none, culture, ethnicity, ability or disability, individuals with protected characteristics and those with none; it does not determine to discriminate against any individual whilst ensuring the smooth operation of our school.

Viewed by Governing Body	<b>Approved by: Headteacher</b>
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## Person responsible: Headteacher

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- 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.
- Are 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 and policy.
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by:
- Providing education to pupils and parents on the health benefits through parent workshops and our curriculum experiences.
- We provide a walking bus service between 8:20am and 8:40am.
- Session pickups and collection times are over a 10 minute period to allow for staggering of collection and improve foot flow and traffic congestion around the area.
- We provide scooter and bicycle parking which is monitored by CCTV for security.
- We provide pushchair covered parking where pushchairs can be left during the session.
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, scoot or cycle to school wherever possible.
- we are committed to improving the access year on year.

## 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.
- 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 by supplying them with high visibility clothing.
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike.
- 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, consider getting off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

## **Travelling by Car /Parking and site safety**

- We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.
- Where a car is used, we ask parents to consider driving only part of the way, parking away from the school site, and walking with their child the rest of the way. Child may wish to then scoot with their parents.
- If parents feel they need to come on to site with a vehicle we ask all parents to remain patient and calm with each other and all staff members supervising the area.
- Please use the Willows Carpark and subsequent parking in the Willows carpark – this parking is allowed to be used by Iqra and Willows Primary School parents.
- Please make use of our morning walking bus service. If you wish to use this service we would ask for you to book in via the school office 01753 536492. Children can be delivered to our Walking Bus stop between 8:20 and 8:40am.

## **Our Future Travel Plans**

- To work with parents, local primary schools, and local residence to further encourage walking, cycling and scooting to school.
- To work with parents, local primary schools and local residence to further improve the road safety/parking on the site and traffic flow.
- Educate both pupils and parents on road safety through curriculum experiences and parent workshops.
- Consult with parents on ideas to support the development of creating a smoother end of day collection.
- Introduce an after-school club to offer an extended day service for parents who have children attending afterschool activities at local primary schools who would like to collect later – this would ease congestion at the end of the primary and nursery school sessions.
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## **Please Note**

- ✚ It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period.
- ✚ It is also not legal to park in the bus stop/emergency vehicle bay, even if you are a blue badge holder.
- ✚ 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.

## **We ask, where possible, for you and your children to please:**

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Make sure you have a lock for your bike and that you use it.
- ✚ If driving onto site, we request that you drive with due care and attention following the legal requirements to ensure the safety of everyone on the site.
- ✚ Please remain patient with each other and always communicate in a civil way.