

School Travel Plan Policy



Aim High
Achieve Success
Find your sparkle
And shine

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Our Vision

At Bierton Church of England Combined School, we want to develop children as citizens who make a difference to themselves; their peers and their community. We are all different; we are all unique; we all have strengths. We want our children to find their light and let it shine; and let God and ourselves be proud of who they are.

'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven' Matthew 5:16

Rationale

An important part of our work in helping to develop strong life skills in our children is to help them to understand how to keep healthy and their impact on their environment. This is not something that can be done in isolation at school and we therefore work with our parents, carers and neighbours in developing and implementing our School Travel Plan.

Purpose

The school travel plan is developed to

- Keep staff, children and their families and carers fit and healthy
- Minimise the volume of traffic to and from school
- Minimise the disruption to the residents local to our school
- Keep our local air clean
- Ensure that all children are able to develop road safety skills both as a pedestrian and as a road user as they travel further afield and more independently.
- Raise awareness of local and regional transport issues among our families and staff

School Responsibility

- 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 <http://www.biertoncombined.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:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Scooter training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment
 - Public transport information
- 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
- To develop sustainable procedures to allow children and their families to travel to school by foot, cycle, scooter or public transport.

Parental/Carer responsibility

- 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 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

- 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 at least two stops 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
- Where possible please use the turning circle and drop off zone at the front of the school to minimise the volume of parked traffic around the school
- 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.

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.

Pupil Responsibility

- 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
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it