



TRAVEL POLICY

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St Mary's Church of England School Travel Policy

At St Mary's Church of England School, we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively and sustainably to school by walking, cycling and scooting wherever possible. For pupils and staff who are unable to walk, cycle or scoot their whole journey to and from school, we encourage the use of public transport, car share and park and stride.

This school Travel Policy explains how St Mary's will be encouraging active travel. We will discuss the policy with pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. This policy has been agreed by the Senior Leadership Team.

What are the benefits of active travel?

- Improves mental health, leading to improved attendance and academic success
- Improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness
- Reduces congestion and noise in the community
- Improves air quality around the school

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits, we all have an important role to play:

Staff

We will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by the following:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- Providing cycle and scooter training to all pupils who wish to participate
- Ensuring we update our School Travel Plan annually and that it is accredited under TfL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) scheme
- Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school

Pupils

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we encourage our pupils to do the following:

- Behave in a sensible, safe and respectful manner and to consider the needs of others when travelling
- Use lights and high-visibility clothing where appropriate and wear a helmet
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained
- Follow the rules of the road (Highway Code) when travelling

Parents and carers

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we ask our parents/carers to do the following:

- Encourage and support their child to travel actively and sustainably to school
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking, cycling and scooting or even taking the bus
- Provide their child with safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet and a lock
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and well maintained

Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

St Mary's would like to thank you in advance for supporting our Travel Policy. If you have any ideas on how to promote, or provide new opportunities for active and sustainable travel, please get in touch. Additionally, we would be interested to hear your ideas of how to improve safety or air quality around St Mary's School. Please contact us at deputyheadteacher@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

St Mary's positively celebrates diversity and inclusion is core to its Christian ethos. The Governing Body recognises that no one should receive less favourable unlawful treatment than another on the grounds of gender, marital or civil partnership status, colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, religious beliefs, age, or sexual orientation. It is the Governors' aim that no-one at the School should suffer unlawful direct or indirect discrimination, victimisation or harassment on any of these grounds. The Governing Body is committed to embedding fairness and equality at the heart of the school community, and in all aspects of the school's policies, procedures and practices.