



# SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ACTIVE TRAVEL POLICY 2026

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At Selborne Primary we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking, cycling and scooting wherever possible. We are part of the London wide Travel for Life Team. We hold gold status for 20226- academic year. The accreditation will be renewed in June 2028.

This school travel policy explains how Selborne will be encouraging active travel. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. This policy has been agreed by Mrs Shilling, Headteacher and the senior leadership team. The Governors are aware of it.

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. We have produced walking maps for parents showing them where they can park and stride. The walking maps are given to new families when they start school and they are available on the school website. Parents can park in the Perivale Residents Association Car Park for free and use the Park and stride option.

### **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 each have an important role to play.

### **Staff**

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

- 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 Training for pupils in Years 4 and 5
- Scooter training for pupils in Year 1.
- Providing Pedestrian Training for Year 3 pupils.
- Ensuring we update our school travel plan and that it is accredited under TfL Travel for Life.
- Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school. For example, Year 5 pupils will be taking part in a Smart Street work shop in October 2026
- Using the curriculum to promote active travel, road safety, air pollution, dangerous parking, climate change and anti-idling.
- Using assemblies to promote active travel and environmental benefits.
- Taking part in Borough events such as the Giant Walk to School, Walk to School Week, 10 Day active challenge and the Big Walk and Wheel.
- Staff are encouraged to book school trips on public transport where possible.
- Every year children can apply to be an active Travel Ambassador

### **Pupils**

**To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:**

- 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 consider wearing a cycle helmet.
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained.
- Follow the rules of the road when travelling.

## Parents and carers

**For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents/carers to:**

- Encourage their child to travel actively 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.
- 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.
- Refrain from idling outside the school.
- Parents SHOULD NOT park across local residents drives or on the zig zag lines outside the school.

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

