

Stannington First School



Travel Policy

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We actively encourage our pupils, parents/carers and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school because:

- this will contribute towards keeping us fit and healthy
- this will help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- this will help keep our local air clean, and free from congestion
- we can enjoy our local surroundings and observe the changes that take place across the seasons
- we can use this time to catch up with each other and share information about our day

What we do

- 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, social media and website at <http://www.stannington.northumberland.sch.uk>
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or scoot. If this is not possible for the whole journey, we encourage people to Park and Ride or Stride. To support this we provide:
 - Scooter training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Storage for bike helmets
 - Public parking information
- Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by
- We inform/remind parents and carers of our school aims at the welcome meetings at the start of each academic 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, 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
- Provide 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
- 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

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to park their car a short distance away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
 - We have a 5 to 10 minute walk zone we ask parents to park outside of and a map is available from the school office or on our website.
 - We suggest that park & stride or ride is available from the village car park (next to the church), the village hall car park or from the Glebe, next to the children's park these locations are marked on our map.

- 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

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.

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 or cycling
- 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
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing