

# Travel Policy

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## 1. Introduction

- a. At Turing House School, we encourage students, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking, cycling and scooting wherever possible.
- b. This school travel policy explains how Turing House School encourages active travel. We will discuss the policy with the students and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. This policy has been agreed by school governors.
- c. Through our Geography department we audit all students in order to ascertain travel times/distances from the three school sites by foot and by bike.
- d. For students 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.

## 2. Policy

- a. What are the benefits of active travel?
  1. Improves mental health, leading to improved attendance and academic success
  2. Improves physical health, helping students to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
  3. Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness
  4. Reduces congestion and noise in the community
  5. Improves air quality around the school
  6. Establishes positive active travel behaviour
  7. Reduces the environmental impact of the journey to school.
- b. In order to ensure as many students as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits we each have an important role to play:
- c. Staff
  1. We will encourage students to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:
  2. Promoting the benefits of active travel
  3. Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
  4. Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
  5. Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site
  6. Providing cycle and scooter training & storage to all students who wish to participate
  7. Ensuring we update our school travel plan annually and that it is accredited under TfL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) scheme
  8. Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school
  9. Regularly invite the Police to the school to provide bike marking
- d. Students
  1. To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our students 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 wear a cycle helmet
    - Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained
    - Follow the rules of the road (Highway Code) when travelling
  2. All students who cycle to school are asked to agree to follow these simple steps in order to keep them safer on our roads:
    - Wear a cycle helmet

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- Ride and walk sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code and Green Cross Code
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

e. Parents and carers

1. For the wellbeing of our students, 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

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

3. Due to the local road network constraints, we encourage those parents/carers who do drive their children to school not to make their drop-offs in close proximity to the school. We make particular reference to avoiding Teddington Memorial Hospital as a drop off point.

4. We also encourage those parents/carers to switch off their engines while waiting in order to avoid any unnecessary emissions.

f. Staff are encouraged not to drive to work. We encourage staff to park and stride where possible if active travel is not an option

### 3. Conclusion

- a. Turing House School 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 travel please get in touch. Additionally, we would be interested to hear your ideas of how to improve safety or air quality around Turing House School.