



Chidham Parochial Primary School Travel Policy

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

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 newsletter, website and Twitter account
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or car share. To support this we provide:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Scooter training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - High visibility jackets for all children
 - Scooter parking
 - A drop off zone in the mornings
- 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

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.
- 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
- 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

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.
 - We have agreed parking facilities at: The Village Hall, The Bosham Inn and St Wilfred's
 - If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for local residents. It is not acceptable to park or wait on the school zigzags, block the pavements, carry out u-turns in front of the school or park across residential driveways.

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, 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
- Always 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