

# Haddenham St Mary's CE School



## TRAVEL POLICY

## Introduction

At Haddenham St Mary's CE School we actively encourage our pupils, parents and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as this:

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

## What the school and Travel Plan do to encourage sustainable travel:

- 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, school newsletter, termly STP (School Travel Plan newsletter) and the website at: <https://haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk/friends/travel-plan/>
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - Cycle and scooter training
  - Pedestrian training (Footsteps)
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
- 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 to school before the child starts at our school
- We arrange a planned programme of events during the year to promote and encourage sustainable travel
- We work with local community groups and the other two local schools to support our aims.

## 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 and in the churchyard
- 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 and supplying them with high-visibility clothing in the winter months
- 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
- To join in with our programme of planned events as part of the STP and read the newsletters that are emailed
- To sign a parent parking agreement when their child enters the school

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

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to consider driving 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 a 5 / 10 minute walk zone/park and stride map that we ask parents to adhere to: <https://haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-walking-bubble-map.pdf>
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and park in the near vicinity of the school please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents adhering to our parking agreement
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, obstruct junctions or park 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 sensible and safe way when walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds and in the churchyard
- Always wear a cycle helmet (if you have one)
- Try to wear bright clothes when it is darker in the morning and afternoons
- Listen to and respect adults who take you out on Footsteps pedestrian training.