

Introduction:

At Pound Hill Infant Academy we encourage pupils and parents to travel to the academy by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

This academy travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to the academy. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils unable to travel actively, we encourage use of public transport or car share.

To continue to develop our parental engagement If you have any ideas to improve things at or around the academy for pedestrians and cyclists, or questions about travelling to the academy, please get in touch with the office via office@phiacademy.org.uk

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Having a positive impact on our environment, reducing our carbon footprint.

To encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school frequently the academy will:

- Actively promote walking, cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- Celebrate the achievements of those who walk, cycle and scoot
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the academy site
- Provide road awareness lessons for children.

To make walking, cycling and scooting to and from the academy a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Travel sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is safe to ride and regularly maintained
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the academy in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others through their pro-social behaviours
- Wear a cycle helmet and knee / elbow pads as appropriate.
- Ensure they can be seen by others, by using lights and wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate.

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

- Encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to the academy whenever possible
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- Consider cycling or scooting with their child on the school run, possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train'
- Provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to the academy are safe to ride and regularly maintained.

Please note that:

- The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from the academy rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The academy has no liability for any consequences of that decision
- This policy covers the journey to and from the academy where the academy has no responsibility or liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the academy, there may be additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc
- Parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the academy is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school.
- Please refer to Sustrans cycle walk and scoot to school like a pro-family guide to a hassle free school run:
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1625136879/brightonacademiestrustorguk/n4kokauisq3zltthryy9w/cycle-walk-and-scoot-to-school-like-a-pro-family-guide-to-a-hassle-free-school-run-2020.pdf>

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