



Blofield Primary School

Travel policy 2024-5

Aim of this policy

We encourage that wherever possible, staff and students walk, scoot or cycle to school. As a healthy school, we promote this means of transport as we recognise that it:

- 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.

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 and website at school.
- 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 work with Bikeability to support children learning to bike ride confidently, provide bike and scooter parking and disseminate relevant public transport information as appropriate.
- Local school trips are made by public transport wherever possible, or on foot if the destination is close by.
- We make all new pupils and parents aware that we promote healthy, sustainable travel to school before they start at Blofield Primary School.
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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.
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet.
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and/or supplying them with high visibility clothing on darker days.
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it.
- 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/from school.

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



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- Where a car must be used, we ask parents to consider whether they might be able to drop only part of the way and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be made on foot or by bike/scooter.
- If you do have to drive with your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity, please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents. We ask that anyone dropping off/picking up by car does not bring their vehicle onto the school site.
- A reminder that it is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or 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)/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 that is 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.
- Consider wearing a helmet if scooting or cycling.
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high visibility clothing.
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you know how to use it.