



# St Martin's School

## Travel Policy



### Introduction

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

### Policy Aims

- To keep us fit and healthy.
- To help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently.
- To help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion.
- To develop life-long skills for our pupils.

### What we do

- We use TFL STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan.
- We promote safe and active travel by using our displays, St Martin's Post newsletter and website at [www.stmartinsmillhill.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsmillhill.co.uk)
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk to school wherever possible.
- We encourage a park and stride scheme for those living further afield.
- We have a covered bike rack to provide secure parking for pupil and staff bicycles.
- We have secure scooters and helmet storage.

### Training

- We offer our Form 6 a Bikeability course to ensure they can cycle safely.
- We offer Form 1 and Form 2 scooter training.
- We have the local police talk to our whole school about safe travel and road safety with additional sessions for EYFS and Form 6.
- PSHE covers Road Safety Awareness as part of Walk to School and Road Safety Weeks.
- We have assemblies to explain Road Safety including Safe crossing and Be Bright Be Seen.
- Our Form 6 children are invited to join the Barnet Junior Citizenship Scheme to discuss safe travel, road safety and the transition to secondary school

### What we ask of our 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.
- Ask your child(ren) to push their bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds.
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic.
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and supplying them with high visibility clothing.
- 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 or from school.

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

- When parking at school there are signs to remind parents and carers NOT to park on the zig zags. It is not acceptable to park or wait on the school zigzags for any period of time.
- We also ask not to keep the engine running and have anti idling signs to remind our parents.
- Where possible we really encourage park and stride and there are lots of parking spaces available in neighbouring roads.
- We are very aware our school is located in a residential area so if you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents without parking across residential driveways.

**Written by: Mrs Shannon**

**Ratified by: Governing Body**

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