

St Augustine's Academy



Active Travel Policy

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'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.'
Matthew 5:16

St. Augustine's Academy recognises the many positive benefits of active travel for our children. We therefore encourage walking, scooting or cycling to and from school.

Some of the main benefits are:

- Improving health through physical activity
- Children arrive at school more alert and readier to learn
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion around school and reducing noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school
- Our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently

To encourage as many pupils to travel to school actively we:

- Use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- 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 training (Bikeability), Scooter training, balance bike training
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school
- Provide scooter and cycle storage on the school site
- Provide high quality scooter and cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate

To make walking, scooting and cycling to and from school a positive experience for everyone concerned. We expect our pupils to:

- Travel sensibly and safely and to follow the Green Cross and Highway Code
- Take responsibility for checking that their scooter or bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when travelling to school
- Fully consider wearing a scooter or cycle helmet
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in scooting and cycling
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and helmet as appropriate
- Ensure that scooters and cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained
- Provide their child with a scooter or cycle lock

The decision as to whether a child is competent to walk, scoot or cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carers and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to scooters or bicycles.