



Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey

ACTIVE TRAVEL POLICY

RATIONALE

At Bellbridge Primary School we encourage students and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

For students and families unable to travel to school actively, we encourage the use of public transport or car-pooling.

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
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school

AIMS

- To promote and encourage active travel options across the school community
- To reduce the amount of traffic congestion around our school
- To focus on the health and wellbeing of our students and families

IMPLEMENTATION

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

- Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- Celebrate the achievements of students who walk, cycle or scoot to school
- Provide bicycle and scooter storage spaces on the school site
- Provide high quality training in the use of bicycles to students who wish to participate

To make walking, cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our students to:

- Walk and ride sensibly and safely and follow the road rules
- Check that their bicycle or scooter 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 walking, cycling or scooting
- Wear a bike helmet when cycling or scooting

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

- Encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling and scooting
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child to and from school, possibly joining with other families as a group of active travellers
- Provide their child with safe and appropriate equipment, e.g. road worthy bicycle or scooter, helmet, bike lock
- Ensure that their child's bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained

EVALUATION/REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year cycle of review.

Ratified by Bellbridge Primary School Council – February 2020

Principal: *Debbie Clancy*

School Council President: *Sian Smith*