

Whole School

# **School Travel Policy**

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### **NHEHS School Travel Policy**

At Notting Hill & Ealing High School we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking, cycling and scooting wherever possible.

Notting Hill & Ealing High School encourages active travel, will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. This policy has been agreed by the Senior Leadership Team.

For pupils and staff who are unable to walk, cycle or scoot their whole journey to and from school, we encourage the use of public transport, car share and park and stride.

We promote the the benefits of active travel:

- Mental health improvement leading to sustained attendance and academic success
- Physical health improvement, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Independence development and improvement in road safety awareness
- Easing of traffic congestion and noise reduction in the community
- Improvement in Air Quality around the school

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits we recognize we each have an important role to play:

#### Staff

We will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- Ensuring we update our school travel plan annually and that it is accredited under TFL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) scheme
- Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school

#### **Pupils**

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Behave in a sensible, safe and respectful manner and to consider the needs of others when travelling
- Use lights and high-visibility clothing where appropriate and consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained

#### Parents and carers

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

- Encourage their child to travel actively to school
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child



- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking cycling and scooting
- Provide their child with safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet and a lock
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and well maintained

Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

We actively monitor and review these recommendations to incorporate any future ideas on how to promote or provide new opportunities for active travel and how to improve safety or air quality around the school.

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