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This policy sets out the commitment we have as a community to encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school via public transport, walking, cycling or car sharing wherever possible.

We aim to invest in the promotion and education of active travel within our school community to reduce our carbon footprint and increase health and economic benefits.

### Benefits of active travel

- Evidence suggests that walking and cycling can contribute positively towards mental health.
- Travelling actively builds exercise into the daily routine and improves physical health.
- There is a positive relationship between physical activity and academic performance.
- Active travel reduces congestion and pollution around the school.
- Improves safety and noise pollution in the local area.
- Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness.

Our JCoSS staff body will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel through assemblies, Jcasts, competitions and activities.
- Embedding the environmental factors into the curriculum and raising awareness of air quality benefits of active travel.
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school.
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site.
- Providing cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.
- Ensuring we update our school travel plan annually and that it is accredited under TFL Travel For Life programme.
- Working with Barnet Local Authority, school travel and road safety officers to deliver activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school.

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

- Act in a considerate and responsible manner.
- Behave respectfully to fellow students, members of the public and transport staff.
- Not use language that can cause offence to others.
- 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.
- Follow the rules of the Highway Code when travelling.
- In cases of physical assault/vandalism, criminal law is applicable, and the police will be involved.

Support from home is essential to achieving higher levels of sustainable travel amongst our students. We ask our parents/carers to;

- Encourage your child to travel actively to school.
- Ensure that your child is familiar with the local bus routes, train timetables and cycle lanes and walking routes.
- Encourage your child to take up extra-curricular activities to develop their competence and confidence in walking, cycling and scooting.
- Provide your 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.

Further information about general transport to and from JCoSS can be found on the website, please [click here](#) to view.