



## **Allendale Primary School School Travel Policy**

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our roads free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

### **What we do:**

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at [www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk)
- We 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
  - Pedestrian training
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - Lockers / cloakroom benching for helmets/equipment
  - Bike and scooter playtimes
- Local school trips are made by local transport provider, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

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

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
  - We encourage parents to park on Shilburn Road or towards the Market Square so that you can park and stride and avoid traffic congestion around school.
- 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
  - It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.
  - The school car park must not be used by parents dropping off or collecting their child(ren).

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

### **What we ask of pupils:**

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using school transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds before and after school, rather than ride them
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Consider having a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it
- Use the cycle and scooter storage in the school playground

We use the Living Streets Travel Tracker to record all active school travel journeys. All children are enrolled in this initiative and encouraged to log journeys and earn their monthly badge.

We firmly believe that by encouraging and facilitating active travel to and from school will enhance both the physical and mental wellbeing of our children and families.