

School Travel Policy 2024



Hillshott Infant School and Nursery

The person responsible for this policy is:

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This policy will be reviewed every 2 years or earlier if needed

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

- 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 streets free from congestion
- develop a life skill which also benefits others.

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 lessons, displays, newsletter and website at <https://www.hillshott.herts.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:

- Scooter training (Scootability)
- Pedestrian training
- Cycle parking
- Scooter parking

Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by.

We let all new pupils and their families know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school.

What we ask of families;

- Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Children walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Bikes and scooters are pushed (and not ridden) on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing children with a cycle helmet
- Ensure children can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Provide a lock for bikes or scooters and help them learn how to use it
- Ensure appropriate insurance cover for bicycle or scooters as the school is not liable for any loss or damage caused on premises or on the way to or from school
- Travel by bus; getting off at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.
Where a car must be used we ask families;

- to drive only part of the way and drop children off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- not to stop in the near vicinity
- park legally, safely and with respect for the local school community. **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.**

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

What we ask of pupils;

- To ask parents to 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 public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Tell parents if bikes and scooter are broken
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing