



St. Joseph's Catholic Academy  
School Travel Policy

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## **School Travel Policy**

At St Joseph's School we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel to school by environmentally sustainable means where possible. We understand that we are all responsible for the stewardship of our planet and contributing to the common good.

St Joseph's is part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust. A key pillar is working towards a greener and more sustainable future and The Trust of schools is committed to becoming a sustainable and responsible organisation.

This school travel policy explains how St Joseph's will be encouraging active travel. This will be revisited periodically with students and parents.

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.

### **What are the benefits of active travel?**

- Improves mental health leading to improved attendance and academic success
- Improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended physical activity per day/week
- Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness
- Reduces congestion and noise in the community
- Improves air quality around the school

In order to ensure that as many pupils as possible realise these benefits we have an important role to play.

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

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Promoting safe travel- such as be safe to be seen
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on site
- Communicating with parents about safe and greener travel
- Reviewing and updating this plan

### **Pupils**

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody including our local community we expect our pupils to

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

### **Parents and carers**

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

- Encourage their child to travel actively to school
- Encourage their child to take opportunities to gain competency and confidence when walking, cycling or scooting

- Provide child with safety equipment as appropriate which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, helmet and a lock.

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

St Joseph's school would like to thank you in advance for supporting our travel policy.

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