


ROAD SAFETY	
DATE OF REVIEW: March 2024	
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: Spring 2026	
TO BE REVIEWED BY: Resources committee	

Rationale

This school recognizes that too many accidents involving children occur nationally on a daily basis. By issuing this policy the school community acknowledges that we have a duty to help prevent such tragedies and will ensure to meet our educational responsibility to contribute to the effective road safety education to all students in its care.

Aims

1. To encourage a healthy attitude and walking culture.
2. To establish and maintain a school ethos that incorporates: -
 - i) safer journeys to school
 - ii) walking to school as the preferred means of travel
 - iii) congestion free school gates
 - iv) investigate and encourage other forms of transport for school journeys
2. To educate children and parents in road safety issues.
3. To ensure the road safety issues that have been taught to children at an early age are part of a sustainable long term.

Pedestrian journeys

1. It will be pressed upon the parents that the preferred means of travel to school is walking. This will be done by: -
 - i) regular reminders of the school ethos being made in the school's newsletter;
 - ii) road safety education to illustrate importance of walking to school;
 - iii) regular participation in national events such as Walk to School Week.
2. Children will be educated in pedestrian skills and road safety in accordance with the relevant sections of the highway code.
3. Parents and children will be encouraged to either wear bright or reflective clothing in the winter and poor conditions
4. Parents will be encouraged will use the School Crossing Patrol or other approved crossing site where appropriate
5. The school will review the current demand and feasibility of walking buses in partnership with Devon County Council's Road Safety Officer

Car journeys

If the use of the car is considered unavoidable for the journey to and from school:

1. Parents should be encouraged to avoid parking near the school gates and park away from the school at a sensible location
2. Vouchers allowing free parking in the Town's car park during a 30 minute period at either end of the school day are available from the office.
3. Car drivers should be reminded to approach the school community with caution.
4. The school will promote car sharing amongst those who live in the same vicinity.

Bus /Taxi Journeys

1. Children are to be reminded that they should enter and depart from the bus/taxi in an orderly and sensible manner.
2. Children will be accompanied to the bus/taxi at the end of the school day by a member of school staff.
3. Bus/taxi drivers will be regularly advised to approach the school with caution and pay due care to other pedestrians and vehicles within the school environment.

Cycling

1. Children are able to cycle to school as long as they have prior written consent from their parents and the Headteacher.
2. As a school, we insist upon the wearing of a cycling helmet and safety gear made to British Standards specifications
3. The school will endeavour to arrange for visits from a qualified trainer if funding is available.

Road Safety In General

Parents should be encouraged to notify the school of any road safety issues within the school community that they believe has the potential of causing an accident. By the same token, feedback should be given to the parent once the matter has been investigated.

Road Safety In The Curriculum

1. The issue of road safety and school travel is part of the school's Personal, Social and Moral Education and Citizenship lessons.
2. Road safety will also be introduced to children through class work, specialist events eg. Junior Life Skills, visiting speakers and national campaigns.
3. Regular reminders will be placed in newsletters about parking near the school gate.