




# Active Travel Policy



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## 1. Introduction

At Edlington Victoria Academy, we actively encourage our pupils and staff to travel actively and sustainably to school by walking, scooting or cycling to school as this:

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

## 2. 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 <https://edlingtonvictoria.co.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 will provide:
  - Cycle training (Bikeability)
  - Scooter training
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - Public transport information
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by

## 3. 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
- Consider providing 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
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it

- 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
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

**4. We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.**

- Where a car must be used, we ask parents/carers 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 have a 5 / 10 minute walk zone we ask parents to park outside of

**5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE**  
**#StaySafeGetActive on your journey to school**

**#Stay Safe**  
**Get Active**

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For more hints, tips and information please visit [www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive](http://www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive)  
 This 5-minute walking zone represents a distance of 400m measured as a straight line, based upon an average walking speed of 3-miles per hour

Protect our children

If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school

If you have to drive, park at least 5-minutes away

- 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.

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.

## 5. What we ask of pupils

- Ask your parents/carers 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 public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- 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
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it