



# **Travel Policy**

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# Roundwood Primary School Travel Policy

At Roundwood Primary School, we are committed to helping our pupils, families and staff travel to school in healthy, safe and environmentally friendly ways. We actively encourage walking, scooting, cycling and the use of public transport because they:

- Keep us fit, healthy and ready to learn
- Help children develop essential independence and road safety skills
- Reduce traffic congestion around school and keep our air cleaner
- Support our commitment to protecting the environment and tackling climate change
- Are valuable life skills that benefit everyone

## What We Do

- We use **Modeshift STARS** to review and monitor our travel plan.
- We regularly promote safe and active travel through our **noticeboard, displays, newsletters and school website** [www.roundwoodbucks.co.uk](http://www.roundwoodbucks.co.uk).
- We encourage all members of our community to walk, scoot, cycle or use public transport wherever possible. To support this, we provide:
  - Cycle training (Bikeability)
  - Scooter training
  - Pedestrian training (Footsteps)
  - Safe cycle and scooter parking
  - Space for helmets and equipment
  - Public transport information
- Local trips are made on foot, by public transport, or by the school minibus where appropriate.
- All new families are introduced to our healthy and sustainable travel ethos before their child starts school.

## What We Ask of Parents and Carers

- Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.
- Make sure journeys are safe: children should walk or ride sensibly and push bikes/scooters on school grounds.
- Check bikes and scooters are safe and well-maintained; seek professional advice if unsure.
- Provide cycle helmets and ensure children are visible with lights and/or high-visibility clothing.
- Give your child(ren) a lock for their bike/scooter and ensure they know how to use it.

- Arrange suitable insurance cover as the school is not liable for loss or damage to bikes/scooters on site or during journeys.
- If travelling by bus, encourage your child to walk part of the way (e.g. getting off two stops earlier).

We understand that sometimes travelling by car is unavoidable. If you must drive:

- **Park and Stride:** Use our 5/10 minute walk zone on Main Street (Gawcott) or the Park & Stride site at **The Crown Public House**.
- Always park legally, safely and with respect for local residents.
  - Do not park on double yellow lines, school zigzags or across driveways.

## What We Ask of Pupils

- Choose active and sustainable ways to travel whenever you can.
- Show respect and responsibility when walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport.
- Push bikes and scooters once on school grounds.
- Check your bike/scooter regularly and keep it roadworthy.
- Consider wearing a helmet and always make sure you can be seen in poor light or bad weather.
- Always lock your bike or scooter securely.

## Safety and Responsibility

Parents/carers are responsible for deciding whether their child is ready to cycle or scoot to school. The school cannot accept liability for this decision or for incidents arising from it.