

Frith Manor Active Travel Policy

At Frith Manor, we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible. This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. For pupils unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or car share.

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

- improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot to school frequently, the school will:

- actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scoot to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- provide cycle training.

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code
- not cycle or scoot within the school grounds (cycles and scooters are to be walked inside the gates)
- behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting
- wear a cycle helmet
- ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate.

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- consider cycling or scooting with their child on the school run
- provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet
- ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Please note that:

- the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with parents/carers
- the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision
- when walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there may be additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc
- parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the school is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school.

Driving and Parking Rules

There are several rules that are not only legal requirements, but also essential behaviours in order to keep our children safe. In the interest of children's safety, the school will do whatever is required to enforce these rules, including liaising with Barnet Council and traffic wardens and police to report inappropriate actions or behaviours.

Driving

- No three point turns within 50 meters of the zebra crossing
- No stopping on zig zag lines, irrespective of how briefly
- Absolute respect for the zebra crossing (ie stopping immediately a child or adult is seen to be approaching the stripes)
- No dropping off of children unless properly parked
- No driving whilst using a mobile phone
- No blocking of access to school car park, including to drop children off or to turn.

Parking

- No unauthorised parking or waiting in the school car park
- No parking on zig zag lines
- No parking on double or single yellow lines
- No parking in bus stop designated area
- No moving of cones when spaces are reserved for school trip coaches
- No parking that blocks driveways of local residents
- No parking that blocks or limits access to side roads
- No use of disabled badges without the designated disabled driver or passenger present.

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