



TRAVEL POLICY

Review Date: April 2017

Monkshouse School encourages pupils and staff to walk and cycle to school. This improves health and fitness, reduces congestion and pollution in the town, and is good for the environment. This establishes positive active travel behaviours and cycling in particular improves safety awareness and gives older children independence.

CYCLING

The school will:

- Provide secure cycle storage
- Provide Bikeability training for Year 6 pupils. The School aims to provide this training opportunity free to parents
- Take part in the Big Bike Race
- Actively encourage, promote and reward cycling
- Appoint JRSO's to raise pupil awareness of road safety
- Organise a Balanceability club for Early Years pupils

Parents/ carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child's bike is roadworthy and regularly maintained, and fitted with lights if riding in dusk or dark
- Provide cycle helmets and bright clothing
- Provide a lock for their bike to be stored safely
- Talk to their children about road safety

Pupils are expected to:

- Cycle safely and sensibly, considering others
- Dismount and wheel their bike once on the school site – no cycling on the playground
- (with help from parents/carers) be responsible for leaving their bike safely in the cycle shed

Note: The school cannot accept any responsibility for the safety of bikes being stored, which are not covered by the school's insurance. The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school lies with the parent/carer.

WALKING

The school will:

- Encourage families and others accessing the site to walk to school rather than driving if at all possible
- Cover road safety issues in PSHE lessons and elsewhere in the curriculum
- Encourage pupils to take part in Walk to school Month

If children walk to/from school alone the expectation is that the parent/carer will establish a safe route.

Signed

Chair of Governors

Date

Signed

Headteacher

Date