

Thomas A Becket Junior School



TAB School Travel Policy



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SCHOOL TRAVEL POLICY

We actively encourage our pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school as this:

- Keeps 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
- Promotes life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

What we do at school

- 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 displays, newsletters, assemblies and website at www.thomasabecketjunior.org.uk
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for their journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Scooter training
 - Cycle parking
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 - Bike and scooter permits
 - Bikeability training
 - Sell high visibility jackets during road safety weeks
 - Inform parents of local cycle training held during school holidays
- Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by and pupils wear high visibility jackets
- For trips further afield we use local coach companies
- We ask that all pupils undertake scooter training before they use their scooter to travel to school
- We work with local schools on road safety concerns and events
- Our Eco Committee undertake road safety activities during eco club
- Our Eco Committee hold road safety and air quality assemblies
- Our Eco Coordinator works with agencies and local companies to promote safe travel such as Living Streets, Sustrans and AD Fuels who transport renewable bio methane gas
- We work with WSCC as we are part of the School Streets pilot scheme
- Regularly undertake staff and pupil travel surveys
- Hold community meetings with residents, local community, WSCC, Police, local schools and other agencies
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What we ask of parents

- Please encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child walks or rides to school sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push their bikes or scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained
- To provide your child with a cycle helmet when riding their bicycle to school
- Ensure your child can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying high visibility clothing
- Ensure your child has a lock for their bike or scooter
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child'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
- Sign up to our Parent Parking Promise

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

- When driving to school we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked.
- If you do have to drive near the school, we respectfully ask to consider our neighbours and local residents.
- Please do not park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residents driveways for any period of time

To help reduce congestion and local parking issues during evening events our school gates are open from 4:30pm so parents/carers can park on the playground.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parents/carers to make.

What we ask of the pupils

- Ask your parent 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 the school ground
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- To wear a cycle helmet when cycling to school
- 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
- To undertake scooter training before scooting to school

