

# Hughenden Primary School



## School Travel Plan Policy

Approved by LAC members Autumn 2026

This policy will be reviewed inline with the policy schedule

## School Travel Policy

Hughenden Primary School is committed to promoting safe, healthy and sustainable travel. This policy supports our aim of encouraging pupils, staff and families to make active travel choices wherever possible, while ensuring journeys to and from school are undertaken safely and responsibly.

We encourage active travel for our pupils, staff and community for the following reasons:

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

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 notice board, displays, newsletter and school website
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, scooter or cycle for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - Cycle training (Bikeability)
  - Scooter training
  - Pedestrian training (Footsteps)
  - Cycle and scooter parking
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school

What we ask of parents:

- 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.)
- Provide your child(ren) with a properly fitted cycle helmet.
- Ensure your child(ren) are visible by fitting lights to bicycles and providing high-visibility clothing where appropriate.
- 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

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

- Where a car must be used we ask parents 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 operate a 5 to 10 minute walking zone around the school and encourage families to park beyond this area and complete the final part of their journey on foot ("Park and Stride").
  - If you need to drive your child(ren) to school, please park legally, safely and considerately, showing respect for our neighbours and local residents. It is not acceptable to park or wait 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.
- Reducing vehicle traffic and creating more space around the school helps improve safety, air quality and the overall experience for pupils, families and local residents.

What we ask of pupils:

- Ask your parents 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 grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- We strongly recommend that pupils wear a properly fitted cycle helmet when cycling or scooting to and from school.
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing

Staff Travel

The school encourages staff to consider walking, cycling, public transport or car sharing where practical, helping to reduce congestion and support environmental sustainability.