



# School Travel Policy

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## **MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed when there are changes in the law or at least every two years, to assess implementation and effectiveness in line with DfE guidance September 2022.

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## Preface

Chiltern Hills Academy is a learning environment at the heart of its community. We encourage every person in our community to:

### Create, Aspire and Excel to 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

We achieve this through our dedication to the seven Christian values of love, hope, self-discipline, compassion, forgiveness, respect and honesty.

We are a community in which staff, students and parents work collaboratively to develop a learning environment and organisation which is spiritual, safe, innovative, creative and exciting. All members of the Academy are motivated and inspired by the vision to give their best and to play a full part in the life of the school and in their own developing lives.

The Governors at Chiltern Hills Academy are committed to achieving the vision and values. They oversee and monitor this policy to ensure that this is being achieved.

## 1. Rationale

We actively encourage our students and staff to walk or cycle to school as these:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our students develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills from which everyone should be able to benefit

## 2. 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 noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at <https://www.chilternhillsacademy.co.uk/>
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this, we provide:
  - Cycle training (Bikeability)
  - Cycle parking
  - Lockers for helmets/equipment
  - Public transport information
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new students, and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

### 3. What we ask of Parents

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk 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 on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike and that they know how to use it
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles on the premises or being used on the way to or from school
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

#### 3.1. 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.
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity, please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents. **Please note it is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, 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.

### 4. What we ask of Students

- 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, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes on school grounds
- Check that your bike is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet
- 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 and that you use it

## Appendix



### About ModeshiftStars

Modeshift STARS is the Centre of Excellence for the **delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education, Business and Community settings**. The scheme recognises schools, businesses and other organisations that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel.