



JMPS
JONES MEMORIAL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Active Travel Policy



Agreed by Governors
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Jones Memorial Primary School- Active Travel Policy

At Jones Memorial Primary School, we actively encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever safe and possible. To help with this we are working with UK charity Sustrans to make sustainable and active travel easier for everyone.

This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils unable to come by foot or bike, we encourage pupils to share lifts where possible.

We run various Active Travel competitions throughout the school year:

‘Be Bright – Be Seen’ campaign (October)

Rudolph Walk (December)

‘Wake up, Shake up’ (February)

The Big Pedal event with various competitions and ‘Family Active Pledge’ (March and April),

‘Move n Groove’ (May)

‘W.O.W’ WALKING IT WEDNESDAYS (June.)

Throughout the year families at Jones Memorial are encouraged to reduce the number of cars around the school gates through various class point (Dojo) and individual reward schemes.

If you have any ideas to improve things at or around school for pedestrians and cyclists, or questions about travelling to school, please get in touch our school ‘Travel Champions’ Miss Lawson or Mr Barbour.

At Jones Memorial Primary School, we believe that the benefits of active travel have the following impact on our pupils, parents and staff;

Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity

Establishing positive active travel behaviour

Promoting independence and improving safety awareness

Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community

Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school

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To encourage pupils to cycle, scoot or walk to school frequently Jones Memorial Primary School staff will:

Actively promote cycling, scooting and walking as a positive way of travelling

Celebrate the achievements of those who cycle, scoot and walk to school regularly

Provide safe and secure cycle and scooter storage on the school site

Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate

Lead by example by teachers making active journeys where possible

Hold regular whole school events to encourage family and community participation

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

Ride and walk sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code and Green Cross Code

Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained

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

Consider wearing a cycle helmet

Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

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Encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible and lead by example by joining them on their active journey – e.g. Parent Champion – Mr Speers

Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting

Consider cycling, scooting and walking with their child on the school run; possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train'

Provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights and cycle helmet as appropriate

Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

We want to see a safe and healthier school run for all in our school community – together we can make this happen.

Please note: The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s).

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The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes (check home insurance) as the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters.