



## School Travel Policy

Name of School	Petersgate Infant School
Date of review	September 2023
Date of next review	September 2024
Reviewed by	Wendy Mitchell Headteacher

### School Vision

"for all children to grow into responsible, caring individuals who actively and positively contribute to the community."

At Petersgate Infant School, our vision outlined above is strengthened by our values of safety, caring, achievement, resilience and friendship. These values symbolise warmth, community and cohesion to ensure we are "working together to achieve our best".

As a school, we can apply these values through the following aims:

### Aims

- Ensuring everyone stays healthy and safe.
- Ensuring everyone feels valued and has a sense of belonging.
- Providing a high quality learning environment.
- Helping everyone enjoy learning and achieving their best.
- Nurturing and developing the whole child.
- Ensuring everyone makes a positive contribution to the school and wider community.

Safeguarding at Petersgate Infant School is carried out in line with the statutory guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' published by the Department for Education.

## **Introduction**

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school at least part of the way, as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils 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 that everyone should be able to benefit from

## **What we do**

- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our curriculum, displays, and website at [www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk)
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, or scoot or cycle for at least part of the journey to school. To support this, we provide:
  - Pedestrian training
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
- Local school trips are made by our school minibus 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 before the child starts at our school

## **What we ask of parents**

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever suitable
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters from the main gate and 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 cycle helmet AND please ensure it is worn.
- 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 or scooter and that they know how to use it
- 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 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 at least some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- Try car sharing once a week with another family, or walking to school with a friend in the village
- 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 residents
  - **It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways. This included the road outside the back gate of the school.**

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.

### **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
- Walk or ride courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear 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 or scooter and that you use it