

# Allensbank Primary School



## Active travel to school policy

## **Mission Statement**

Allensbank Primary School is a happy and welcoming school that is committed to providing a friendly, safe and nurturing learning environment for all. The school fosters respect, celebrates diversity and actively promotes high standards for all.

## **Vision Statement**

At Allensbank Primary School everyone works together to ensure that

- We lay the foundation for a love of learning through being committed to high quality provision which enables the development of skills for the future.
- We have high expectations of ourselves and achieve our full potential through a supportive, nurturing ethos.
- We have a safe, secure environment to learn in and we take pride in the appearance of both the indoor and outdoor learning environment.
- Pupils take responsibility for their own learning, working towards individual targets and celebrating their achievements.
- We show respect and consideration for others within our diverse school community and nurture positive partnerships with parents, carers and the wider community.
- We promote personal growth by actively encouraging relationships based on honesty, trust and respect.
- We have pride and confidence in ourselves as individuals and feel valued within our school.
- We recognise the importance of regular attendance which enables all pupils to achieve high standards.

## **Active Travel School Policy**

At Allensbank primary school we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

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 travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or car-share.

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 with your Active Journeys School Champion T Lewis and N Roberts.

### **Some of the benefits of active travel are:**

- 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

### **To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot to school frequently the school will:**

- actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scoot to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate  
Have class cycling and scooter lessons as part of the Physical Education curriculum

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

- ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code
- Encourage that they 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  
Have Junior Road Safety Officers at the school who encourage and ensure safe road use and promote active travel.

### **For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:**

- encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- consider cycling or scooting 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, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate
- ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained

**Please note that:**

- 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). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision
- This policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there may additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc
- Parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the school is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school

**Supporting active travel in pupils:**

There will be opportunities for training to take place of road safety features for both upper key stage classes.

This will take place in the form of Cycling proficiency and Kerb craft.