



Bonnygate Primary School Travel Statement

At Bonnygate Primary School we actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as we know this helps to keep us all fit and healthy as well as contributing to keeping our local air clean, and streets free from congestion. We also recognise that supporting our pupils to develop road safety skills is a life skill which will help to keep them safe and build their independence.

As a school we will:

- Work with Modeshift STARS to develop and monitor our school travel plan
- Promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at <https://bonnygate.osborne.coop>
- 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 offer activities such as:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Scooter training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - 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 before the child starts at our school

As parents and carers we ask you to:

Please 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.
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and 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. The school accepts no responsibility for lost or damaged bikes, scooters or accessories that are left in the school grounds

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
- 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

- **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.**

As pupils we ask you to:

- 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 school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter 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 or scooter and that you use it