



Onslow Infant School

School Travel Policy

**This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment**

Policy Review

This Policy was reviewed Autumn 2023  
The Policy will be reviewed in Autumn 2025

## **Policy**

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to travel to school in an active way. The benefits of active travel:

- 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 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 school website [Onslow Infant School](#) .
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle, scoot, skate or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this, we provide:
  - ~~Pedals training in Year 2~~
  - 'Balanceability' Balance bike programme in EYFS and KS1
  - Pedestrian training
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - WOW travel tracker incentive badges
  - Engagement with local and national 'walk to school' weeks that encourage active travel.
- 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.

### **What we ask of parents**

- 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 respect school signage by getting off bikes and scooters on school grounds and pushing them to the parking area.
- 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 that can be stored in their cloakroom during the day.
- 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 (the school cannot accept responsibility for any item left unattended in the scooter/bike park area).
- 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.
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least one stop early and walk the last part of the journey?

- 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.

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 then park approximately 10 minutes away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted.
  - We have a 5 / 10 minute walk zone we ask parents to park outside of (SEE APPENDIX 1).
  - The school Home School Agreement which parents sign during admission, clearly states that parents will not drive into or out of Powell Close between the hours of 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm for the purpose of dropping off or picking up their child(ren).
- In the event that vehicles are driving into Powell Close, we ask that drivers 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 or private parking/garage areas for any period of time.

### **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 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.
- 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.

Notes

Possible Park & Stride areas include parking in Manor Way, East and West Meads, Hedgeway or beyond these roads.

Please be aware that all these roads have limited public parking as does the whole of Onslow Village and you should be respectful to local residents.

