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St. Mary's CVA New Mills School Travel Policy

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as this:
• keeps us fit and healthy
• helps our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
• helps 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 noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/
- 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 provide cycle training (Bikeability)
- Training on how to cross the road safely when pupils begin school.
- Reward scheme for active travel- walk, scooter or bike led by our Health Champions
- We have bike stalls at the front of the school entrance to the right of the main reception.
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, private bus hire 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
- We have a link on our school website showing our sustainability actions.

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 push bikes and scooters 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
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and 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
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

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
- We have a park & stride site at New Mills Town Hall and St Mary's Church car park.
- 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.

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 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