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Active Travel Policy

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Introduction

Summerhill Infant School is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, reducing traffic congestion, and improving air quality in our community. We encourage all children, staff, and families to travel to school actively where possible - by walking, cycling, or scooting - as a safe, sustainable, and enjoyable alternative to car use.

Aims

- To promote the health and wellbeing of pupils, families, and staff through regular physical activity.
- To reduce traffic congestion and improve safety around the school gates.
- To support the school's sustainability goals by reducing carbon emissions.
- To encourage independence and the development of road safety awareness in pupils.

Encouraged Modes of Travel

- **Walking:** Families are encouraged to walk all or part of the way to school. "Park and Stride" is supported for those living further away.
- **Scooting & Cycling:** Children are welcome to scoot or cycle, provided they wear helmets and use safe routes. Cycle/scooter storage is available on site.
- **Public Transport & Car Sharing:** Where walking, scooting, or cycling are not feasible, families are encouraged to use public transport or car share.



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Safety

- Parents and carers remain responsible for their child's safety on the journey to and from school.
- The school will deliver regular road safety and active travel education, including pedestrian and cycle awareness.
- Children must walk with their scooter or bike once on the school site.
- We ask drivers to park considerately and never on yellow lines, pavements, or in front of residents' driveways.

Support and Incentives

- The school will participate in local and national initiatives such as *Walk to School Week* and *Cycle to School Day*.
- Active travel will be promoted through assemblies, newsletters, and classroom activities.
- We will work with the local authority and travel planning partners to improve safe routes and facilities.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **School Leadership:** To ensure this policy is communicated, reviewed, and supported through the curriculum.
- **Parents and Carers:** To choose active or sustainable travel options where possible and model safe behaviour.
- **Pupils:** To follow road safety guidance, travel responsibly, and respect others on their journey.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually in consultation with staff, parents, and pupils. We will monitor travel patterns through surveys and feedback, adapting initiatives as needed to support safer and more sustainable travel.