



PHILIPS HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY ON

TRAVEL to SCHOOL

Travel to School Policy Statement

At Philips High School we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking and cycling wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how Philips High School will be encouraging active travel. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance.

For pupils and staff who are unable to walk or cycle their journey to and from school, we encourage the use of public transport, car share or park and stride.

What are the benefits of active travel?

- Improves mental health leading to improved attendance and academic success
- Improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness • Reduces congestion and noise in the community
- Improves air quality around the school

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realize these benefits we each have an important role to play:

We will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle storage on the school site
- Working with our Borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school during form time focus and/or drop down days.

Pupils

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Behave in a sensible, safe and respectful manner and to consider the needs of others when travelling
- Use lights and high-visibility clothing where appropriate and consider wearing a cycle helmet.
- Check that their bike is roadworthy and well maintained
- Follow the rules of the road (Highway Code) when travelling

Parents and Carers

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents/carers to:

- Encourage their child to travel actively to school
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking and cycling
- Provide their child with safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet and a lock.
- Ensure that the bicycles ridden to school are roadworthy and well maintained.
- To follow the highway code at all times.
- To respect the surrounding area of school premises and the residents by not parking in any way that obstructs residents premises and/or roads.
- To consider the safety of all and not park on yellow lines.

Covid

- If travelling on public transport (buses/trams/trains/taxis) during the Covid pandemic it is advisable from the Government to wear face coverings at all times unless exempt and wash/sanitise before and after your journey.

Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

Scooters, mopeds, skateboards, hoverboards or similar, either electric, fuelled or manual are not advised as a safe way to travel to school and are not permitted on the school premises.

Philips High School and or Bury Council take no responsibility for any bicycle or other form of equipment to travel to school and any used to travel to school or brought on the premises are the sole responsibility of the owner of the bicycle or similar.

Philips High School supports the Department for Education Home to School travel and transport guidance – Statutory guidance for local authorities June 2023

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1165730/Travel_to_school_for_children_of_compulsory_school_age.pdf

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020> (Covid related travel document)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-advice-for-educational-settings/coronavirus-travel-guidance-for-educational-settings>

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