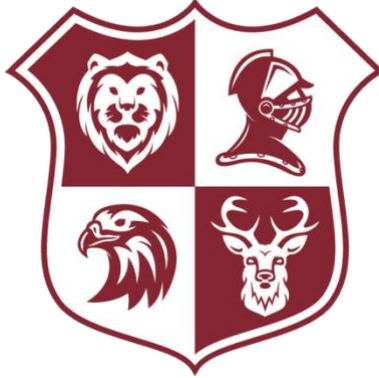


Travel Policy



STATUTORY / NON-STATUTORY	NON-STATUTORY
MEMBER OF STAFF RESPONSIBLE	BM (SSt)
DATE APPROVED BY Head/SLT	March 2022
GOVERNING BODY OR COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE	GP
DATE OF FULL GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL	
REVISION DUE DATE	March 2024

Noadswood School Travel Policy

Noadswood staff and pupils are well aware of the effects of Global warming, and the small things we can do to improve air quality in our local area.

Noadswood has been working with Hampshire County Council to improve upon the level of traffic on the roads surrounding the school, and the local area in general at the beginning and end of the school day.

At Noadswood, we encourage our staff and pupils to walk, cycle, or scoot to school wherever possible, as this helps to keep us fitter and healthier.

Research has shown that being active can improve concentration levels in class, and as a result, increase levels of achievement in school.

Active Travel is important for the following reasons:

- Pupils are healthier and fitter – Young people should have at least 1 hour of activity per day. Walking, cycling, or scooting to/from school can contribute towards this.
- Improves concentration – Studies have shown pupils that are active, are more ready to learn and do better in their studies.
- Helps tackle climate change by reducing greenhouse gases from vehicles.
- Cleaner air – Reducing vehicle numbers lowers pollution around our school at the beginning and the end of the day, as well as in the local area as a whole.
- Help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently.
- Reduces congestion making the roads safer for everyone.
- Often quicker than driving and tackling traffic congestion, and finding somewhere safe to stop/park.
- Cheaper to walk/cycle/scoot, saving money on fuel or bus fares.

What we do

- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletters, website, and social media.
www.noadswood.hants.sch.uk and [Noadswood_sch](#) on Facebook.
- 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 parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment
 - Public transport information
- 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 to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.
- Ensure your child will walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds.
- Ensure that bikes and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained.
- Consider providing your child with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing.
- Make sure your child 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's bike 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?
- If you do have to drive your child to school, 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 or access gates 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.
- 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.

Do any of the following reasons for not actively travelling to school apply to you?

I live too far away – Surprisingly, it only takes about 15 to 20 minutes to walk 1 mile. The route you take whilst walking/cycling is often much shorter than the route you would take in a car due to footpaths, cut ways, and cycle paths. If you live several miles away, you don't have to walk the whole way. Get dropped off 5-10 minutes walk away and walk the remaining part of the journey. Noadswood has a Park and Stride site at the Oak Road car park in central Dibden Purlieu, approximately a 5 minute walk from the school.

We have a 5/10 minute walk zone map and we ask that parents park outside of this zone. [4128-noadswood-school-map-bus-no-train-electronic-1.pdf](#)
(myjourneyhampshire.com)

Bad weather – Don't let bad weather put you off! Keep a waterproof and/or umbrella in your bag, or a hat and scarf on a cold day.

I am worried about my child walking alone – If you are concerned for your child's safety, then maybe arrange for them to walk with a friend or walk in a group.

I have too much to carry – A well-chosen backpack will be suitable to carry all your things, even whilst cycling.

I am worried about my child on busy roads – The map linked below details footpaths, crossings, and entrances to help plan your route safely. Active travel to school can help children become more aware of road safety as they get older and more independent.

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(myjourneyhampshire.com)

I don't know if my bike is safe to ride – A bike will last longer and perform better, if it is well looked after. See the link below for a 3 minute video for some simple bike maintenance tips and checks to ensure you have a safe ride to school, and avoid future need for repairs.

[The M check for your bike in 11 steps - Sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

I am not confident riding my bike – If you feel that you are not as confident a cyclist as you'd like to be, then check out [Bikeability | Cycle training for](#)

[everyone delivering better and safer training](#). Bikeability gives you the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

Top 10 Tips to get you going on 2 wheels:

1. Plan and practice your route, using cycle paths where they are available.
2. Check your bike is safe to ride before using it.
3. Be safe and be seen by wearing visible clothing. School uniform is often very dark - try choosing a brighter bag.
4. Get yourself some bike lights - a white one for the front and red for the back so you can see and be seen when it is dark.
5. Wear gloves and a lightweight raincoat during the winter to keep yourself warm.
6. Mudguards are a brilliant bike addition and will help keep you dry.
7. Make sure your helmet is properly fitted – it should feel snug, but not tight.
8. Lock your bike securely when you're not using it.
9. Consider buddying up with a friend, for some, or all of your journey.

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.