

Thomas A' Becket Infant School



Travel Plan Policy 2025 - 2026

At Thomas A' Becket Infant school we aim to teach children about the importance of a healthy lifestyle to promote the wellbeing of all our pupils. This includes walking to school whenever possible. Part of this approach includes our commitment to helping children to understand how our choices impact on the environment.

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- 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 reduce pollution and 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 which is part of the government scheme
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at www.tabinfant.org.uk
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school, wherever possible. To support this, we provide:
 - The teaching of road safety throughout the academic year to all year groups
 - Assemblies to discuss road safety
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment for staff members
- Local school trips are made 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 one-way system in place around the school
- We have a voluntary one-way system for parents/carers travelling by car

- We work closely with the local council to ensure we are working to provide and maintain road safety for our school community
- We report any road traffic incidents to operation crackdown
- We meet regularly as a travel plan team to discuss areas for improvement

What we ask of parents:

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- To remind your child(ren), to follow the road safety guidance
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, wearing the appropriate safety equipment
- Both parents/carers and children 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 if coming to school on a bike or scooter
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter
- 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

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.

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and park close by, 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
 - Parking on the school zigzags should NOT be done for any reason, it is also a fineable offence to do so
 - Please do NOT park across residential driveways for any reason
 - We would ask you to observe the voluntary one-way system see below:

