

Priory Academy

School Travel Agreement

At Priory Academy we are promoting active travel by encouraging students and parents to travel to school by cycle and/or walking wherever possible.

This School Travel agreement will explain how we will be encouraging active travel to and from school. This agreement will be re-visited periodically to ensure it is still relevant.

Some of the benefits of active travel:

- Improving both mental and physical well-being through physical activity
- Establishing positive active behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, pollution and the harmful impact to the environment

To encourage students to cycle to school frequently, the school will:

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling
- Celebrate the achievements of those who cycle to school
- Provide cycle storage on site and high quality training to all students who wish to take part.

For the well-being and safety of our students, we expect them to:

- Agree and fully support the school's Travel Agreement
- Follow the Highway Code at all times by riding safely and sensibly
- Regularly maintain their bicycles to keep them roadworthy
- Behave in a respectable manner at all times on or around our school premises
- Wear a cycle helmet when and where ever possible.
- Ensure their own safety by:
 - wearing appropriate clothing such as hi-visibility jackets, reflective armbands or bright colours using lights at the front and rear of their bicycles
 - Ensure their bicycle is stored and locked in the designated areas and do not block any fire exits or pathways
- Respect other students' bicycles in and around the school
- When outside of the school, respect other road users and show our school's values

For the well-being and safety of students, we expect parents and carers to:

- Agree and fully support the school's Travel Agreement
- Provide their children with a **bike lock**
- Encourage opportunities to develop confidence and competence in cycling
- Provide their children with safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, and helmet where appropriate
- Keep their children safe by ensuring bicycles are kept in a roadworthy condition and maintained regularly.

Please be advised that:

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle/walk to and from school rests with their parents and carers. Priory Academy has no liability for any consequences of that decision

- This agreement covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability.
- Parents are advised that the school's insurance policy **does not** cover the loss or damage to student's bicycles and the school **does not** accept liability for loss or damage to your child's property.
- If any student is seen riding his/her bicycle in an **unsafe or inappropriate manner** in or around the school parents will be contacted and the expectations of behaviour whilst in school uniform will be reiterated. This means that both wheels should be on the road at all times ie. NO wheelies; students should not be cycling in the middle of the road and only one student should be on a cycle at any one time.

By allowing your child to bring his/her bike to school you and your child agree and will adhere to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. I agree that, at all times that:

- The bicycle will be roadworthy
- It will not be ridden on school premises but will be walked from the gate to the appropriate cycle storage area
- The bicycle will be locked whilst on school premises.

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher

If you have any ideas to improve things at or around school for pedestrians and cyclists or any questions about travelling to school, please contact:

- Mrs Bass (sbass@prioryacademy.co.uk) or
- Your Sustrans Schools Officer Mr Derek Smulders (derek.smulders@sustrans.org.uk).