



ACKLAM WHIN

ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN

At Acklam Whin we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scootering and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils who travel to school by car we suggest to park safely and responsibly away from the main school gates and walk into school.

If you have any ideas to improve things at or around school for pedestrians and cyclists, or questions about travelling to school, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email: awmjackson@acklamwhin.co.uk

If you live in the area shown on the map below, you can walk to school and it won't take longer than 20 minutes! Let's all work together and active travel to school!



The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. This policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability. Parents are advised that the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to pupil's bicycles and scooters left on the premises. We recommend that all scooters/bikes are locked within our bike store.



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- **Aims of active travel are to:**
 - *Encourage healthier lifestyles by walking, scootering and cycling
 - *Improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, children on scooters and drivers
 - *Reduce Congestion around the school
 - *Reduce carbon emissions from vehicles in and around Acklam
- **Some of the benefits of active travel:**
 - *Being active on the way to school leads to pupils being more alert classroom.
 - *Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. The journey to and from school is an ideal time for children to engage in physical activity.
 - *Walking / scootering and cycling to school are great ways to help pupils become familiar with their local environment.
 - *Walking, scootering and cycling helps improve air quality and the local environment around their schools by removing the number of cars around the school gate.
 - *Reducing car use and congestion around the school gates increases pupil safety and reduces harmful toxic fumes.
- **For the well being of our children, we expect parents and carers to:**
 - *Encourage their child to walk to school whenever possible.
 - *Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scootering.
 - *Consider cycling, scootering and walking with their child on the school run
- **Finally, can we remind Parents/Carers:**
 - *Bicycles must be roadworthy.
 - *Pupils must wear a helmet.
 - *All bicycles and scooters must be secured by the owner and left in the cycle racks on KS2 yard.
 - *Pupils must dismount from their bicycles/scooters at school gates and walk into school - this is essential for the safety of all children and adults on the playground.
 - *We are sure that you will appreciate that we are taking these measures in order to keep the children and families in our school as safe as possible and we thank you for your co-operation.

Don't forget to tweet us your photos of your active travels to school! @acklamwhin

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