**Haddenham Community Infant School Travel Policy**

At Haddenham Community Infant School, we are committed to promoting safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly travel. We actively encourage our pupils, staff, and families to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible because these modes of transport:

* Support physical and mental wellbeing
* Help children develop vital road safety and independence skills
* Improve local air quality and reduce traffic congestion
* Are sustainable life skills that benefit individuals and the wider community

## **What We Do**

* We use **Modeshift STARS** to monitor, review, and improve our School Travel Plan.
* We promote safe and active travel through our school noticeboard, displays, newsletters, and website: <https://www.haddenhaminfant.bucks.sch.uk/web>.
* We encourage all members of our school community to travel actively or by public transport. To support this, we provide:
  + Pedestrian training (Footsteps)
  + Secure cycle and scooter parking
  + Public transport information
* Local educational visits are made on foot or by public transport whenever possible.
* We ensure new pupils and their families are informed of our commitment to healthy and sustainable travel before they join the school.

## **What We Ask of Parents and Carers**

* Encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.
* Ensure your child(ren) travel safely and sensibly, pushing scooters and bikes once on school grounds.
* Make sure bikes and scooters are roadworthy and well-maintained. If unsure, consult a qualified mechanic.
* Provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet and high-visibility clothing for safety.
* Equip bikes and scooters with appropriate lights during darker months or poor weather.
* Provide a secure lock for your child(ren)'s bike or scooter and ensure they know how to use it.
* Arrange suitable insurance cover for cycles or scooters, as the school is not liable for loss or damage on-site or during travel to and from school.
* If using public transport, consider getting off a stop or two earlier to allow your child(ren) to walk part of the journey.

We recognise that, in some cases, driving may be unavoidable. If you must drive:

* Please park a short distance away and walk the rest of the journey with your child(ren), where safe and practical.
* Always park **legally and respectfully**. Do **not** park or wait on double yellow lines, school zigzag markings, or across residential driveways.
* **Please note**: We do **not** tolerate rude, aggressive, or disrespectful behaviour towards staff, pupils, other parents, or local residents. We expect all members of our school community to model courteous and considerate behaviour at all times.
* The decision about whether a child is ready and competent to cycle or scoot to school rests with parents or carers. The school cannot accept responsibility for any incidents arising from this decision.
* We have a 5 / 10 minute walk zone we ask parents to part outside of: -



## **What We Ask of Pupils**

* Ask your parent or carer if you can walk, scoot, or cycle to school.
* Travel safely and sensibly at all times.
* Always push your bike or scooter once inside school grounds.
* Be respectful to others and show consideration whether walking, scooting, cycling, or using public transport.
* Make sure your bike or scooter is properly maintained and roadworthy.
* Consider wearing a cycle helmet.
* Wear high-visibility clothing and use lights during dark or poor weather conditions.
* Lock your bike or scooter securely using your own lock.

By working together, we can create a safer, healthier, and more sustainable environment for everyone in our school community.