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Iver Village Junior School

Travel Plan 2020-2023

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Purpose

We actively encourage our pupils and staff at Iver Village Junior School 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 keep our local air clean, and our streets free from 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
- We use the Living Streets WoW Reward Badge Scheme to encourage pupils to walk, cycle, scoot, or park and stride to school
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at www.ivervillage-jun.bucks.sch.uk
- 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 training (Bikeability)
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment
- 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

What we ask of parents.

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and 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
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- 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
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

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

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
 - We have a 5 minute walk zone; we ask parents to park at the Iver Recreation Ground and walk to the school gates via the zebra crossing.
 - We have a park & stride site at The Iver Village Infant School, Grange Way, Iver where parents can park and then walk to IVJS via the zebra crossing outside the Iver Recreation Ground
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) 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 for any period of time.
 - To reduce air pollution, we respectfully ask all drivers to switch off their engines when they are waiting to collect their child.

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.

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

Walking home alone

In order to ensure children's safety, only children in Year 5 and 6 at Iver Village Junior School are allowed to walk home on their own. We do not feel that it is appropriate for an older sibling in Year 5 and 6 to have the responsibility of walking a younger sibling home from Year 3 or 4.

This does not mean that all children in Key Stage 2 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child's age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home on their own.

If parents wish for their child(ren) to walk to and from school then a written permission confirming the arrangement needs to be completed.