



Road Safety Policy

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Long Crendon School has had an active School Travel Plan since 2003 and is committed to involving the school community in road safety and promoting alternatives to car journeys to and from school.

Aim: This policy has been written to clarify the teaching and practice of Road Safety and to make parents and children aware of their responsibilities in and around school.

Parents, School and Road Safety

The road safety of pupils, including the journey to and from school, is the responsibility of the parents. However, the school will actively promote road safety and sustainable travel to raise parents' or carers' awareness. Basic road safety is taught to all pupils in school and accredited trainers are used for cycle and scooter training.

Road Safety Education in School

Road Safety will be accessed throughout the school curriculum and via a variety of training courses and visiting speakers. Junior Road Safety Officers, from Year 6, will help to relay the messages to the pupils and feedback to the School Travel Plan Working Group.

Accompanying your child to school

- parents or carers are encouraged to accompany children under the age of eight to school
- parents and children are encouraged to walk to school using a safe route, where hazards and safe crossing points can be pointed out to the children.
- children and parents should follow the instructions of the Crossing Patroller when on duty.
- parents and children should be aware of their responsibilities, legal and otherwise, for in-car safety.

Cycling to School

- bicycles must be parked in the school's cycle shelter. This is at the parents' risk and the use of a security lock is recommended.
- the school discourages children from riding their bikes on the road to school before they have undertaken a cycling awareness course.
- if children ride their bikes or scooters on the footpath, they must do so in a sensible manner and give way to pedestrians.
- when cycling on school premises (only for cycle training) cycle helmets must be worn and this is encouraged when cycling to and from school. Parents must ensure that bikes are maintained in a roadworthy condition.
- cyclists, or those riding on e.g. scooters, skateboards, toddler toys etc., should dismount when crossing the road with the Crossing Patroller.
- children should walk their bikes/scooters along the school path rather than ride them along the drive. They should then follow the marked pathway to the cycle shelter, being aware of any vehicles on the drive.

If these guidelines are continually disregarded, the school will talk with the parents concerned to recommend a period for which their child is not allowed to ride their bike/scooter to school.

Traffic In and Around School Grounds

Road safety is impaired by cars parked close to the school gate and nearby junction.

- parents and children are actively encouraged to walk, cycle or scooter to school, use bus transport or lift-share for the journey.
- cars should not be parked or stop near the school gate, on the white lines, or opposite the zig- zag lines.
- parking on the school site will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, other than for staff, and a parking permit will need to be obtained from the school office.
- parents or carers may only drive on the school driveway when transporting sick or injured children. This applies to after-school clubs too. Staff and other visitors should try to avoid using the driveway just before the children arrive or leave.

Taxi transport

- childrens' behaviour on the taxi is the responsibility of the parents. The Local Authority reserve the right to withdraw the transport provision if a child continually misbehaves.
- seatbelts should be worn on all journeys.
- children must not distract the driver other than to attract his/her attention in an emergency.
- parents should report any problems with the running of school transport to the school. The school should then liaise with Passenger Transport Section of Buckinghamshire Council.

Liaison with the Community

- the school, School Travel Plan Working Group and Governing Body will work co-operatively with their PTA, Parish Council, Buckinghamshire Council and Police on issues concerning Road Safety, seeking advice when required.
- the school will request, and make available to concerned parties, appropriate literature on Road Safety related issues. The school will seek volunteers for school-based Road Safety training courses and arrange the relevant DBS checks.

Monitored by the School Travel Plan Working Group
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