

# Sustainable, Safe and Active Travel to Barnes Primary School

## **The School Travel Plan**

At Barnes Primary School we support the use of sustainable travel modes for the journey to school and for trips during the school day. Initiatives that we have undertaken in the past year to

- encourage sustainable travel,
- to develop pupils' skills for safe travel and
- to provide appropriate facilities

are set out in our Travel Plan, which will be available on the website shortly.

In 2010 our Travel Plan was recognised by Transport for London with Bronze level accreditation. We continue to develop our School Travel Plan and hope to achieve higher levels of accreditation in TfL's programme. (This will, in turn, help us to obtain funding for projects we would like to run). We see the Travel Plan as another tool for enriching the children's education, involving them in caring for the local environment and supporting healthy lifestyles. We continue to liaise with Richmond Council, Network Rail and others in the local community on issues relating to our journeys to and from school.

## **Walking**

We expect the vast majority of pupils to walk to school.

We have a very local catchment area and most families live within easy walking distance.

We are aware of many benefits of walking to school:

- Pupils arrive more alert and ready to learn
- Walking local journeys builds regular physical activity into daily lifestyle. For good health, it is recommended that children get an hour's physical activity each day.
- Parking close to the school is difficult and it only takes a few cars dropping off and picking up to cause congestion and inconvenience to our community.
- Walking to school helps to reduce the school's carbon footprint as well as minimising other pollutants from road traffic

## **Scooting**

We welcome pupils coming to school on scooters. Pupils are regularly reminded of the rules for parking scooters:

- 3 wheeled scooters are hung on the fence alongside the passage leading to nursery and reception
- 2 wheeled scooters are parked in the racks to the left of the main KS1 entrance
- KS2 scooters are parked in the racks at the rear of the school.

Pupils on scooters are reminded to be considerate of pedestrians and to make sure they follow basic road safety rules.

**Cycling**

Many pupils would like to cycle to school. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their children have the necessary skills to do this. Cycle training is provided for Y6 pupils each year. Cycle parking for pupils is available on the KS2 site and on the street outside the KS1 building. Several members of staff cycle to school. All cyclists are reminded to lock their bikes securely.

**Public Transport**

For longer journeys, public transport is a useful option. We make a point of using public transport on school trips whenever possible, both to keep the costs down and to help children become familiar with the extensive transport system of this city. (And which is, of course, essential for many pupils when they move on to secondary school, and develop more independence).

If you would like to discuss any suggestions you may have relating to our School Travel Plan, or if you would like to be involved in developing any of the initiatives Sue Jepson/Anna Potenza will be happy to hear from you.