



School Travel Plan

At Barnes Primary School, we work hard to support healthy active lifestyles, safety and sustainability. Our School Travel Plan is an example of this work.

We first achieved gold accreditation in Transport for London's award scheme for our School Travel Plan in 2014 and have maintained it ever since. We have been recognised by TfL as a Cycling School of Excellence for the training and skills development that goes on throughout the school from nursery to year 6 and even includes staff and parents. We will be applying to renew our gold accreditation in 2020. Our school travel plan as at September 2019 can be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

The following objectives underpin our school travel plan:

- Reducing congestion and air pollution in local streets
- Improving road safety in local streets
- Reducing our carbon footprint
- Encouraging physical activity for health and wellbeing
- Developing skills for independent travel

We expect:

- **all children who are able to do so to walk, scoot or cycle to school.** Most families live within very easy walking distance.
- **everyone to follow the highway code and show consideration for other people.** The pavements and paths in the local area get very busy. Drivers need to make sure they allow plenty of space when passing cyclists. Parents/carers need to make sure that young children on bikes and scooters do not endanger other pedestrians as well as keeping safe from traffic.
- **anyone who drives to the school must park considerately.** The school entrance gets very busy and inconsiderate parking or manoeuvring puts other people at risk. For this reason, we ask all those who drive not to go beyond The Brown Dog unless they have a special reason to do so.
- **everyone to follow school rules as they come into the premises.** Bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the playground (except during special sessions) and should be wheeled to the parking places. In KS2, follow the one way system: up the ramp and down the steps in the morning, up the steps and down the ramp in the afternoon.

We provide:

- parking for bikes and scooters
- pedestrian, scooter and cycle training (provided by Richmond Council)
- liaison with Richmond Council to raise issues on local streets and services

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- a wide range of activities for pupils to explore issues relating to transport and develop further skills

Upcoming projects

This year we will continue our regular activities throughout the school. Our particular focus will be on local air quality. Children will find out more about the topic and we will work with the Council (and local campaign groups) to promote the imminent introduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone and measures such as campaigns to switch off engines when stationary. We will also be investigating with the Council the introduction of a 'School Street' to restrict vehicle access to Cross Street at the beginning and end of the school day. We envisage that this will be achieved by signage and a strong communication campaign.

