



SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN OVERVIEW

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 a Gold accreditation in the Transport for London (TfL) award scheme for our School Travel Plan in 2014 and have maintained it ever since.

TfL have acknowledged us as a Cycling School of Excellence, for the training and skills development that takes place throughout the school - from Reception through to Year 6, with involvement, assistance and support from both staff and parents.

Our current Gold accreditation was awarded in July 2024, and will remain valid until August 2027 - please follow this link to view our current travel plan:

<https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/School/102902>

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:

1. **All children who are able to do so to walk, scoot, or cycle to school** - most of our families live within easy walking distance
 2. **Everyone to follow the Highway Code and show consideration for other people** - the pavements and paths in the local area get very busy. Drivers should allow plenty of space when passing cyclists. Parents/carers should ensure that young children on bikes and scooters do not endanger either themselves or other pedestrians, as well as keeping them safe from traffic
 3. **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 must drive not to go beyond the junction of Westfields Avenue and Cross Street
 4. **Everyone to follow school rules as they come into the premises** - bikes and scooters to be walked through the playgrounds, not ridden - except during special sessions - and wheeled to the allocated storage 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
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We provide:

- on-site storage for bikes and scooters (pupils, staff), and bike racks outside school for visitors
- pedestrian, scooter and cycle training - provided by The Safety Education Team from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRuT)
- a liaison point with LBRuT to raise issues on local streets, sustainable travel and related services
- a wide range of activities for pupils to explore issues relating to transport and develop further skills

This coming year, we will continue with our regular sustainable travel activities throughout the school whilst also supporting local authority and community environmental initiatives.

For further information on the local authority's **No Idling** campaign to improve air quality, please follow this link: <https://www.richmond.gov.uk/idle-free>

We continue to promote and actively encourage walking, scooting and cycling to school.

Further information regarding quieter, less polluted walking and cycling routes in London can be found at <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/>

For information relating to the Mayor of London's sustainable **Transport Strategy** and **Healthy Streets** campaign, please follow this link:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/transport/green-transport>

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