

## **SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY GUIDANCE**

The aim of this guidance is to promote safe, healthy and environmentally-friendly travel to and from our school.

**Our school ethos embraces walking and cycling as the preferred means of travel. Please try your best to help us.**

The school will:

- Provide a programme of road safety education for all children
- Encourage all children to adopt a healthy lifestyle by walking and cycling to school
- Raise awareness of the importance of sustainable travel for the future of the planet
- Raise awareness of road safety issues and sustainable travel through newsletters and the school's website

### **WALKING**

The school will:

- Explore the possibility of establishing a walking bus and/or introducing other walking initiatives
- Promote Walk to School Weeks on a regular basis to raise the profile of walking

Parents and children are encouraged to:

- Adopt safe walking practices in accordance with the Highway Code and to use the School Crossing Patrol, where appropriate
- Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially in winter

### **CYCLING**

The school will:

- Work with Devon County Council to provide on and off-road cycle training appropriate to age and ability
- Provide cycle storage facilities so that children's bikes are kept safe and dry

Parents and children are encouraged to:

- Use the appropriate safety equipment such as a cycle helmet, high-visibility clothing and bicycle lights
- Maintain cycles in a roadworthy condition
- Undertake cycle training, where available, and to cycle safely, in accordance with the Highway Code

### **CARS**

The school will:

- Endeavour to make the school entrance a safe, car-free zone
- Encourage car sharing through formal or informal methods

Parents and children are encouraged to:

- Use the car only when necessary
- Car share wherever possible

- Park away from the school site, if possible
- Abide by DfT regulations regarding child in-car safety

For more road safety information, we recommend the following publications and websites:

- [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsafety) - For information on in-car safety; cycling, etc.
- [www.devon.gov.uk/school\\_travel\\_plans](http://www.devon.gov.uk/school_travel_plans) - For information on encouraging safe, healthy and green travel to school
- [www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk](http://www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk) – The Think road safety website. Information on the latest campaigns and road safety advice
- [www.hedgehogs.gov.uk](http://www.hedgehogs.gov.uk) – Lots of fun activities and road safety information for children.
- [www.bikeforall.net](http://www.bikeforall.net) – Everything you wanted to know about cycling but were afraid to ask!
- [www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk) – The Sustrans' website encouraging environmentally-friendly travel to school. Travel plans, newsletters, Bike It information
- "Fit 2 Ride" – Devon County Council's DIY Cycle Training Pack, which can be accessed via their website – [www.devon.gov.uk/cyclists](http://www.devon.gov.uk/cyclists). Or request a pack on 08451 551004.
- Various road safety materials for children are available from the Devon County Council Road Safety Helpdesk on [rshelpdesk@devon.gov.uk](mailto:rshelpdesk@devon.gov.uk); 01392 362640