

“Love thy neighbour as yourself” There is no commandment greater than this.

Mark Chapter 12, Verse 31



# Active Travel Plan Policy

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## Introduction

Our Academy vision is “Living Well Together with Dignity, Faith and Hope”. We aspire to take dignified decisions and afford dignity to all members of our community, regardless of background or circumstance. Our position as a Voluntary Aided Church Academy means that the Christian faith has a central role in all of our actions and decisions. We strive for excellence in all that we do, enabling our student to transform their lives and to hope for happy and successful futures.

At All Saints Academy, we have our Christian faith at the heart of our community, with respect, acceptance of different views and Christian morals promoted throughout all our activities. Our vision of “Living Well Together with Dignity, Faith and Hope” translates into our everyday practice. The value of living well together is particularly relevant when we consider our Active Travel Plan as we want to promote a hospitable community.

## Policy Aims

This policy explains how we encourage active travel to the Academy. For students unable to travel to the Academy actively, we encourage the use of public transport or car-sharing. This policy will reflect our vision of “Living Well Together with Dignity, Faith and Hope.”

We will promote the benefits of active travel by:

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Promoting the sense of fellowship and sharing with one another
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to the Academy
- Instill in students a sense of purpose and a reason for active travel

## Implementation

To encourage students to cycle or scooter to school frequently the Academy will:

- actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scooter to school
- provide high quality cycle and scooter storage on the Academy site that is secure and safe
- provide high quality cycle training to all students who wish to participate

To make cycling and scooting to and from the Academy a positive experience for all, cyclists/scooterers:

- must ride sensibly and safely and follow the Highway Code
- must check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained
- must behave in a manner which shows themselves, their families and the Academy in the best possible light and which shows consideration towards the needs of others when cycling or scooting
- should wear a cycle helmet
- must ensure that they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

For the well-being of our students, we expect parents/carers to:

- encourage their child to walk, cycle or scooter to the Academy whenever possible
- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting
- provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate
- ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained
- take all reasonable action to support safe and responsible behaviour

Please note:

- a) The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from the Academy rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The Academy has no liability for any consequences of that decision.
- b) This policy covers the journey to and from the Academy where the Academy has limited responsibility and liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the Academy there may obligatory rules concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc.
- c) In order to promote safety, the Academy may take disciplinary action if students cycle recklessly, or without due consideration for other road users or pedestrians, while commuting to or from school.
- d) Parents/carers are advised that the Academy’s insurance does not cover any loss or damage to students’ bicycles and scooters left on the premises.

### **Monitoring, Evaluation & Review**

The Governing Body has delegated to the Executive Principal the responsibility for reviewing the implementation and effectiveness of this policy. The Governing Body will approve all major changes to this policy. The policy will be promoted and published throughout the Academy.

The policy will be reviewed every three years.

### **Related Academy Policies**

- Behaviour Management
- Parent/Carer Handbook
- Safekeeping of Students’ Property