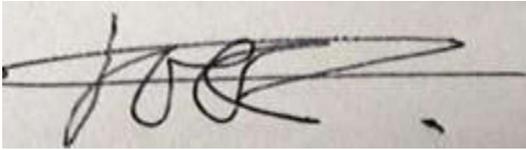




# Darell Primary & Nursery School School Travel Policy

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Headteacher – Joe Porter	Chair of Governors – Laura Morgan

At Darell, our values drive everything that we do. As a school, we value:



- Equality - we celebrate our differences and treat everyone equally and fairly.
- Responsibility - we take responsibility for our behaviour. We are kind and caring to ourselves and others.
- Enjoyment - we are passionate about learning and look for enjoyment in everything we do.
- Aspiration - we place no ceiling on what we can achieve. We challenge each other to be the best that we can be.

Darell School encourages pupils, parents, and staff to travel actively to school by **walking, cycling, and scooting** whenever possible. We believe active travel is integral to the health, education, and safety of our community.

This policy outlines how Darell will promote and support active travel. It has been agreed by Joe Porter (Headteacher) and Laura Morgan (Chair of Governors) and will be periodically reviewed with pupils and the community to ensure its relevance.

For those unable to walk, cycle, or scoot the entire journey, we strongly encourage sustainable alternatives such as **public transport, car share, and Park and Stride** options.

### What are the benefits of active travel?

Category	Specific Benefit	Rationale
<b>Health &amp; Well-being</b>	Improves physical health, helping pupils achieve the recommended <b>minimum of 60 minutes of daily physical activity</b> .	Supports cardiovascular health and physical development.
<b>Mental &amp; Academic</b>	Enhances mental health, leading to <b>improved attendance and academic success</b> .	Provides an opportunity to de-stress and arrive alert and ready to learn.
<b>Safety &amp; Independence</b>	Promotes independence and <b>improves road safety awareness</b> through practical, real-world experience.	Helps pupils become confident and responsible travelers.
<b>Environment &amp; Community</b>	<b>Reduces congestion and noise</b> in the community and <b>improves air quality</b> around the school gate.	Contributes to a safer, cleaner local environment.

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realize these benefits we each have an important role to play:

### Staff

We are committed to encouraging safe and active travel by:

- **Promotion & Celebration:** Actively promoting the benefits of active travel and formally celebrating the achievements of pupils who travel actively to school.
- **Education:** Providing **cycle and scooter training** to all pupils who wish to participate and raising awareness of road safety and air quality benefits.
- **Infrastructure:** Providing and maintaining secure **cycle and scooter storage** on the school site.
- **Compliance:** Ensuring we update our School Travel Plan annually and maintain accreditation under the **TfL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) scheme**.
- **Partnership:** Collaborating with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver targeted interventions and activities.

## Pupils

To make active travel a positive experience, we expect pupils to:

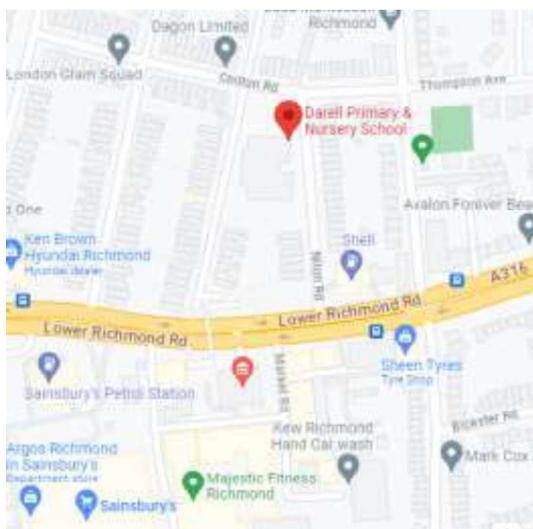
- **Respectful Conduct:** Behave in a **sensible, safe, and respectful manner**, considering the needs of other pedestrians and road users.
- **Safety Equipment:** Use appropriate safety equipment, including lights and high-visibility clothing, and seriously consider wearing a cycle helmet.
- **Equipment Maintenance:** Ensure their bicycle or scooter is **roadworthy and well maintained** before setting off.
- **Rule Following:** Follow the rules of the road (the Highway Code) when traveling to and from school.

## Parents and carers

**For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents/carers to:**

- **Encouragement:** Actively encourage their child to travel actively to school.
- **Modeling:** Consider walking, cycling, or scooting with their child to model safe behavior.
- **Safety Provision:** Provide their child with appropriate safety equipment (high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet, and a lock) and ensure bicycles/scooters are roadworthy and well maintained.
- **Skills Development:** Encourage their child to participate in school-provided opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking, cycling, and scooting.
- **Safety Note: Parents and carers are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.**

## Sustainable Travel Alternatives & Community Safety



We encourage the use of sustainable travel for all journeys:

- **Public Transport:** We benefit from excellent bus (R68, 190, 419), train (North Sheen - South West trains), and tube services (Kew Gardens - London Overground/District Line) within easy walking distance.
- **Parking/Drop-off:** Visitors and those who must drive are asked to travel sustainably by parking further away and walking the final leg of the journey (Park and Stride) to reduce congestion and improve air quality directly outside the school gates.

would like to thank you in advance for supporting our travel policy. If you have any ideas on how to promote, or provide new opportunities for active travel please get in touch. Additionally, we would be interested to hear your ideas of how to improve safety or air quality around Darell Primary and Nursery School Our contact details are [parents@darell.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:parents@darell.richmond.sch.uk)