

General Policy Document

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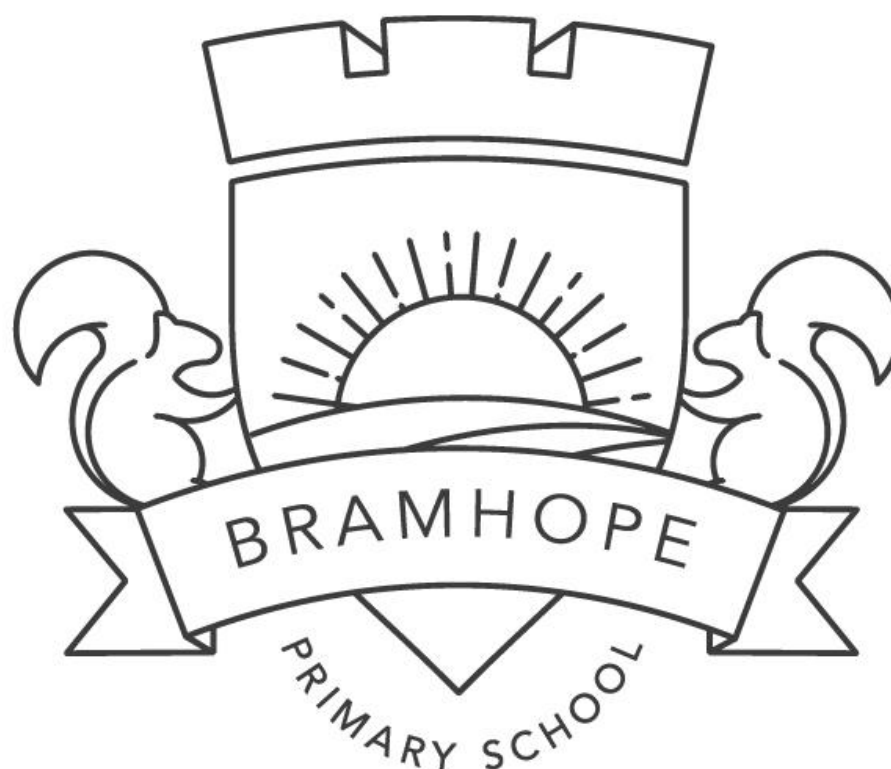
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## **Bramhope Primary School Travel Policy**

**We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:**

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

**What we do:**

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website ([bramhopeprimary.co.uk](http://bramhopeprimary.co.uk))

**We encourage all members of our school community to walk or cycle to school. To support this we provide:**

- Cycle training (Bikeability) in Y6
- Scooter training in Y1 and Y2
- Pedestrian training in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Cycle parking for all pupils
- Scooter Parking for KS1

- Local school trips are made by coach where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by. Parents who are attending sporting events are encouraged to lift share
- We let all new pupils and their parents / carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

**What we ask of parents:**

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Please enter the school grounds via the front entrance and walk across the school playground, thus avoiding the alternative route nearest the medical centre, which is often congested
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and that they push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) know how to park their scooter or cycle independently and how to use a lock if you deem it necessary
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school

**We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.**

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- If you need to drive your child to school, consider asking your child (ren) to walk home instead
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity, please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents.

Please note:

- **It is not acceptable to park on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways**
- **It is not permissible for parents to park in the car park adjacent to the medical centre as this is reserved for school staff.** If you need to park in the medical centre car park, please contact a member of our admin team in order to obtain a school parking permit

**Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make.** The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision. We usually advise that children wait until they are in Y6 before they start travelling independently to and from school. Please email a member of our admin team if you have made arrangements for your child to travel independently.

**What we ask of pupils:**

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting or cycling
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet

- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure that you can park your scooter or bike independently when you arrive at school
- Make sure that if you have a lock for your bike or scooter, you know how to use it independently