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## SCHOOL TRAVEL POLICY

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### **School Policy/Procedure No: 78**

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| The Policy was formally adopted by<br>the Governing Body on: | Date: November 2024 |
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Beauchamps High School actively encourages our students and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our students 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 noticeboards, displays, newsletter and website at [www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk](http://www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk)
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - Lockers for helmets/equipment
  - Public transport information
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new students 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/carers

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet which must be worn
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with hi-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- 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.

- 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
  - It is not permissible to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.
  - 'No Stopping' restrictions on entrance markings are in operation between 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm

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.

What we ask of students:

- Ask your parents/carers 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, cycling or using public transport
- 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
- Always wear a cycle helmet if cycling/scooting to and from school
- Agree to take part in the Bikeability training when offered
- Complete a bicycle/scooter pass request form to obtain permission to bring a bicycle/scooter on site
- Be aware that the bicycle/scooter pass will be revoked if you are found to be riding in an unsafe manner
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing hi-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it
- Not to use E-scooters as they are illegal on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements in this area

**Note:** All data on School Travel is stored in school is only shared in accordance with the school's Privacy Notice (eg other educational establishments, Local Authority, DfE)