

Ysgol Bryn Gwalia



Active Travel Policy

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Introduction

At Ysgol Bryn Gwalia, we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

This policy explains how we will encourage active travel to school. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils unable to travel to school actively, we encourage use of public transport or car-share.

Pupils, parents/carers and other stakeholders are encouraged to contact Mrs Lorraine Dalton (Active Travel Coordinator) if they have suggestions for improving active travel processes or procedures.

benefits of active travel:

- improves both mental and physical health through physical activity
- establishes positive active travel behaviour
- promotes independence and improving safety awareness
- reduces congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- reduces the environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot to school frequently the school will:

- actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling
- celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scoot to school
- provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

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

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

- encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking cycling or scooting
- consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child on the school run, possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train' or 'walking bus'.
- provide their child with equipment such as wet weather clothing 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.

Please note that:

- the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision
- this policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there maybe additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc.
- parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the school is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school.

Evaluation & Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Senior Management Team and Governing Body and adopted by the Governing Body as per the school policy review schedule.