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Active Travel Procedures (includes Cycle to School Procedures)

As part of the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) Programme in St. Mark's SNS, we encourage the children to become more aware of the many positive benefits of pupils walking/cycling/scooting to and from school. We therefore look to encourage these forms of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Aims of our Cycling to School Procedure:

1. To promote the personal development and well-being of the child.
2. To establish positive active travel behaviours.
3. To promote independence and improve safety awareness.
4. To reduce congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
5. To reduce the environmental impact of the journey to school.

Objectives of our Active Travel Procedure:

- To actively promote walking/cycling/scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to actively travel to school.

To ensure the success of these procedures we expect our pupils to:

- Dismount from their bikes/scooters when entering the school premises.
- Ride sensibly and safely and follow the Road Traffic Regulations.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle/scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and consider the needs of others when cycling/scooting.
- Wear a cycle helmet when cycling/scooting.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and by wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Lock their bicycle/scooter to the bike racks provided.

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet and bike lock, as appropriate.
- Ensure that the bicycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Implementation of the procedures:

All stakeholders have a role to play in the implementation of these procedures from pupils, parents and staff.

General:

Electric bicycles and electric scooters are not permitted on the school grounds.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to walk/cycle/scoot to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Parents are advised that any property (e.g. bicycles/scooters/helmets etc.) stored in the bicycle area is left entirely at the owner's risk and the school is not in any way responsible for the security and safekeeping of the property. Parents are expected to provide their child with an appropriate lock for the bicycle/scooter.

Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles/scooters.