



School Travel Plan Policy

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Introduction

At Cheam Park Farm Primary Academy we value the importance of environmental and road safety issues. The school travel plans aim to educate and raise an awareness of these issues amongst staff, parents and children. It provides a framework to enable changes in travel habits through the development of schemes and initiatives. We endeavour to promote modes of sustainable transport.

Aims and objectives

Our current travel plans have been accredited as 'Gold' sustainable level. In this we have outlined our targets for the year in order to maintain this award.

Our objectives are to:

- continue to promote and educate pupils about the environmental and personal benefits of walking/cycling to school
- continue to highlight and raise awareness of pupils safety when walking/cycling to school
- reduce the volume of traffic and cars parked around the school area.
- alleviate congestion on Molesey Drive and Kingston Avenue and the surrounding roads before and after the school day

Initiatives and responsibilities

At the Kingston Avenue site over the past six years, we have chosen groups of children taking on the role of junior road safety officers (JRSO). This group is made up of six pupils: four from Year 5 and four from Year 6. These children meet half termly to discuss any issues that have arisen, and think of new ways to promote the awareness of safe, sustainable travel methods within school life. These can be through assemblies, competitions or events such as Walk to School week and Bike Day.

We have also been awarded the Bikeability scheme and currently have a trained member of staff who is able to deliver bike training to our pupils. This teaches children road safety when riding a bike and helps some learners become confident in riding. This club runs for six weeks and is offered to 12 children at a time. The scheme also allows six Year 5 and 6 pupils to complete their bike training on the local streets over a five week period and gain an understanding of the benefits cycling has for the environment and gives them knowledge of how to cycle safely.

Staff aim to walk to local trips where possible and to enable them to do this safely we ensure that there are a number of staff on the walking journey to promote safety on the roads.

Promotion

We will continue to hold our annual Walk to School Week, which will take place during Sports Week in the Summer Term. This will be a whole school event led by the JRSOs to promote walking and cycling to school amongst pupils and staff.

We continue to raise awareness of our efforts to promote sustainable travelling to our parents and carers through communicating with them in our weekly newsletters. These will highlight up and coming events that are running within the school and what they can do to help. Posters will be displayed around the school and within the playground to promote the theme that the school is currently working on within the travel plan. The travel plan will also be on display on the website so that parents and carers all share the view of what we are trying to achieve.

Areas within sustainable travelling and the benefits for the environment are highlighted through different curriculum links and each year group will cover a key area through their PSHE lessons at some stage throughout the year.