

### Travel Policy Shenley Fields Daycare & Nursery School

# We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot/ cycle or "Park and Stride" 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 as they get older.
- 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 social media, noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at <u>http://www.shenleyfields.sch.life</u>
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school.
- We let all new pupils and their parents/ carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts.
- We ask parents to commit to and sign our "Parents Parking Promise"

### What we ask of parents:

• Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.

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. Parents must supervise their child at all times. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

- 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.
- If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

• Switch of their engines when stationary to help make the air around the nursery school cleaner. Support our Switch Off Campaign #brumbreathes.



**Article 19**: I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated

## 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. Park away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked, cycled or scooted
- 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 acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.
- Leaving the car engine running when stationary, often referred to as 'idling' is a common occurrence around schools and causes high levels of pollution. As part of 'The Switch Off School Streets Campaign' Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School encourage driver to switch of their engines whilst stationary.

### PLEASE SEE APPENDIX 1 FOR OUR PARK AND STRIDE / NO DRIVING OR PARKING AREAS

#### What we ask of children

- Hold an adult's hand walking to nursery and when crossing the road.
- Listen to adults' instructions on road safety.
- Learn about road safety at nursery.
- Learn about clean air and keeping fit.
- Wear a cycle helmet if you are riding a bike or a scooter.

### Blue badge holders

The guidelines below refer to The Blue Badge scheme and Blue Badge holders. However, several points apply to all users of the car park. The guidelines have been informed by the Department of Transport's, "Blue Badge Scheme: Rights and responsibilities in England."

Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School does not provide car parking for parents.
A blue badge is intended to help the disabled to park close to school, either as a passenger or driver.

• If parents of children with blue badges need to access nursery via the slip road, please drive slowly (5mph) and park considerately as this is for deliveries to the local shops and parking for residents.

• The blue badge is allocated to the holder and not the vehicle. It is for the holder's use and benefit only. The blue badge holder must not allow others to benefit from the scheme i.e., transporting other people/ families.

• The Blue Badge is intended for on-street parking only. Off street car parks, such as those provided in local authority, schools or hospital car parks etc., are governed by separate rules. The school car park is private property.

• Blue badges must be displayed at all times.

Date Policy Adopted:	
Local Committee: 17.3.2025	
Full Governing Body: 7.4.2025	
Date for next renewal: Spring Term 2027	
Signed:	Sally Andrews Chair of Local Committee
Signed:	Sean Delaney Chair of Governors
Signed:	David Aldworth Executive Head Teacher

### Appendix 1 Park & stride/ no driving or parking areas

