



Devonshire House Preparatory School

School Travel Policy

At Devonshire House School we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel actively to school by walking, cycling and scooting wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how Devonshire House School will be encouraging active travel. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and revisit it periodically to ensure its relevance.

For pupils and staff who are unable to walk, cycle or scoot their whole journey to and from school, we encourage the use of public transport, car sharing and "Park and Stride".

What are the benefits of active travel?

- Improves mental health leading to improved attendance and academic success
- Improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Promotes independence and improves road safety awareness
- Reduces congestion and noise in the community
- Improves air quality around the school
- Is often more reliable than other modes of transport

How to get to us?

By Foot:

We have three sites: the Lower School on Fitzjohn's Avenue, the Middle School on Arkwright Rd and the Upper School on Lyndhurst Gardens.

London Underground:

Hampstead - Northern Line, Edgware Branch for the Lower & Middle Schools

Belsize Park - Northern Line, Edgware Branch for the Upper School

Finchley Rd - Jubilee & Metropolitan Lines for the Lower & Middle Schools

British Rail:

West Hampstead - Thameslink

London Overground Line:

Finchley Rd & Frognal for the Lower & Middle Schools

Hampstead Heath for the Upper School

Bus routes:

For the Upper School:

- 1 from Rosslyn Hill/Haverstock Hill
- 268 from Rosslyn Hill/Haverstock Hill
- C11 from Rosslyn Hill/Haverstock Hill
- 46 from Pilgrim's Lane
- 24 from Royal Free Hospital

For the Lower & Middle Schools:

- 46 from Fitzjohn's Avenue
- 603 from Fitzjohn's Avenue
- 268 from Pilgrim's Lane
- 13 from Finchley Road
- 113 from Finchley Road

TfL Travel for Life

We have a Gold TfL Travel for Life award for our work on promoting sustainable transport to and from school. We are applying for this award again this year and will continue to organise travel activities to work towards this.

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In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits we each have an important role to play:

Staff

We will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school sites
- Providing cycle and scooter training to all Y6 pupils who wish to participate
- Ensuring we update our school travel plan annually and that it is accredited under the TfL Travel for Life scheme
- Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school
- Using TfL public transport for school trips where possible.

Pupils

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Behave in a sensible, safe and respectful manner and to consider the needs of others when travelling
- Where appropriate use lights and high-visibility clothing and consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained
- Follow the rules of the road (Highway Code) when travelling

Parents and carers

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

- Encourage their child to travel actively to school
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking cycling and scooting

- Provide their child with safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet and a lock
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and well maintained

Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

Devonshire House School would like to thank you in advance for supporting our travel policy. If you have any ideas on how to promote or provide new opportunities for active travel please get in touch. Additionally, we would be interested to hear your ideas of how to improve safety or air quality around Devonshire House School.

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