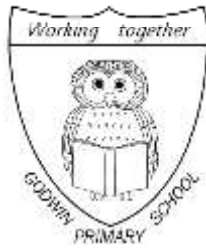


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Date	Review date	Responsible Person
July 2024	July 2026	Chris Wilding

1. Rationale

Godwin Primary School recognises the important connection between exercise and a pupil's ability to learn effectively and achieve high standards in school. We also recognise the role a school can play, as part of the larger community, to promote an awareness of the effects of car travel on the environment.

2. Mission

We aim to improve the health of the school community by teaching pupils and families to be healthy, self-responsible, independent and socially and environmentally aware individuals who are aware of the issues of safety around themselves and other people. This shall be accomplished through health education skills, promoting environmentally sustainable routes to school, and core academic content.

3. Aims

3.1 To reduce the number of trips made to school by car at the beginning and end of the school day.

3.2 To encourage more pupils and staff to use healthier, more environmentally sustainable methods of transport to school.

3.3 To improve opportunities for children to become independent travellers.

3.4 To improve safety on the school journey for staff, children and parents.

4. Objectives

4.1 To work towards ensuring that this policy is both accepted and embraced by: governors; school management, teachers and support staff; pupils; parents; the school's wider community

4.2 To integrate these aims into all aspects of school life, in particular: the School Travel Plan; the curriculum; pastoral and social activities

5. Methods

5.1 Establish effective structures to oversee the development, implementation, and monitoring of this policy; to encourage a participatory approach to meeting the aims.

5.2 Through curricular activities, to help pupils develop an understanding of the importance of safe, environmentally sustainable forms of transport.

5.3 Create an environment, both physical and social, conducive to the enjoyment of safe, environmentally sustainable forms of transport.

5.4 Provide pupils with the opportunity to participate in approved cycle skills and safety training.

5.5 Promote the 'Bike to Work Scheme'. allowing staff to receive up to 48% discount on cycling equipment.

6. Whole School Practice

6.1 - Responsibilities

- The Cycling Policy shall be the responsibility of the whole school. Leadership shall come from the School Travel Plan coordinator, in partnership with the Governing Body, Headteacher, teaching and support staff, site manager, Borough Road Safety Team, school council, parents and pupils.

6.2 – Curriculum

- STP Links should be embedded in the curriculum. Learning outcomes, delivery and assessment should be addressed in long and medium term plans (by subject coordinators), and in short term plans (by class teachers), in keeping with the National Curriculum and other national standards
- CPD should be provided to ensure staff have the knowledge, skills and resources to effectively deliver health and environment education.
- Where possible, visitors and parents should be used to support the programme.

6.3 School Travel Plan

- As part of its commitment to promoting safe, environmentally sustainable forms of transport, the school has adopted a School Travel Plan (STP) in consultation with governors, staff, pupils and parents. Providing opportunities for staff and pupils to cycle to school is an important part of the STP.

6.4 Cycle Training

- Cycle Training (the national Bikeability scheme) is provided in the Autumn term for any Year 5/6 pupils who wish to participate and is funded by L.B.B.D.
- Pupils who do not pass will have opportunity to join future courses should they wish to do so.
- Training exists for other year groups should funding become available (e.g. Learn to Ride days).

6.5 Safety

- All cyclists must have roadworthy bicycles, helmet, suitable clothing and a lock.
- Only pupils who pass L2 of the Bikeability award will be permitted to ride to school on their own.
- A list of eligible pupils is kept at the office and updated by the STP coordinator.
- Other pupils may ride with an accompanying responsible adult.
- Cycling is not permitted in the playground: bicycles must be wheeled to the storage area when entering and before leaving the school site.
- The importance of safety on roads is reinforced via the curriculum, assemblies and general monitoring.
- Staff who cycle to school are expected to follow the same on-site practices as the pupils and model safe cycling on their journey to and from school.

6.6 Storage

- There is storage for twenty bicycles in the Quiet Area and twenty spaces outside the dining room.
- Riders are responsible for securing bicycles before the school day and can store helmets on pegs.
- The school does not take responsibility for the security of bicycles on the school site.

7. Review

The policy is to be reviewed by STP coordinator, every two years.

Ratified by Governors at Full Governing Body meeting

Signed by: P. Malcolm (Chair of Governors)

Date: