

Robert Arkenstall Primary School School Travel Policy

It is the aim of Robert Arkenstall Primary School to provide a broad curriculum and education of the highest quality within a happy, safe, secure and stimulating environment, which enables each child to experience success; to equip them with skills as thoughtful, caring and active citizens, eager to explore the possibilities of the world.

pursue possibilities; love learning

This policy is published on the school website
and is available on request from the school office

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Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

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We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as:

- These activities keep us fit and healthy
- Helps pupils to develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- Helps to keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- Promotes 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 noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website (www.robertarkenstall.co.uk)
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by school bus for the journey to school. To support this we provide:

- Cycle training (Bikeability / Balanceability)
- Road safety lessons as part of the curriculum
- Cycle parking
- Scooter parking
- School bus information via the Cambridgeshire County Council website

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-transport>

- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

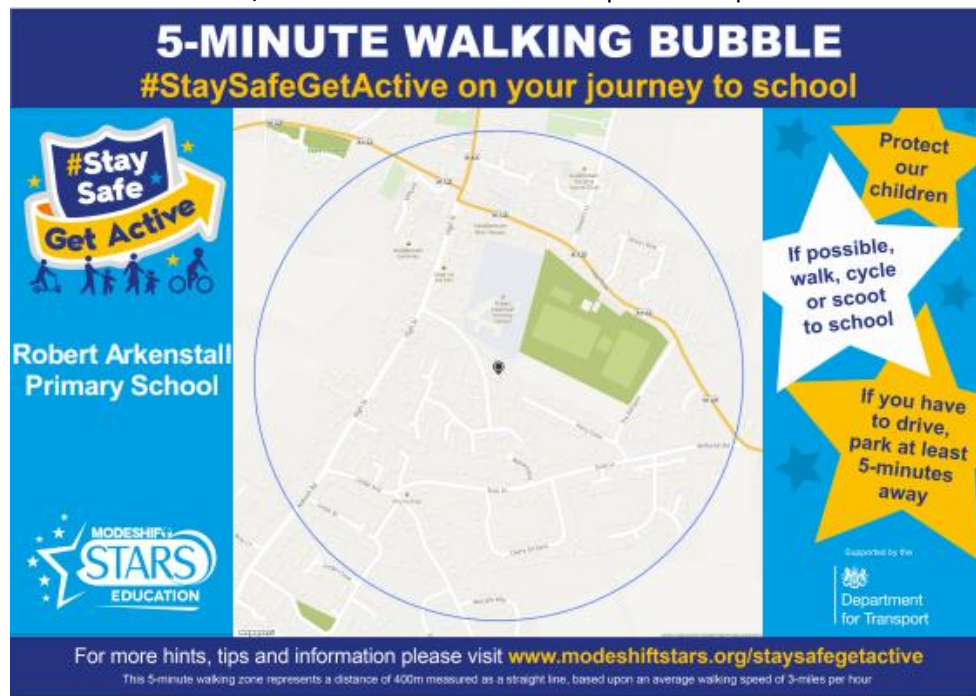
What we ask of parents

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible. Due to the nature of the roads and traffic in our village, scooting is considered a safer option than cycling. If cycling, ensure you have considered the nature of the heavy farm and haulage traffic and the junctions on your specific route before permitting your child to cycle unaccompanied.
- 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
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Always provide your child(ren) with a helmet for scooting and cycling
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing

- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school

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, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- We have a 5/10 minute walk zone we ask parents to part outside or close to the edge of



- We have park & stride sites available at the Recreation Ground (am and pm) and The Cherry Tree (am only)
[Google Maps The Cherry Tree](#)
- [Google Maps Recreation ground](#)
- 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.

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. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of pupils

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Always wear a cycle helmet for scooting and cycling
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing