

## **Tring Park School for the Performing Arts School Travel Policy**

Tring Park School for the Performing Arts is seeking to improve its overall sustainability and, in particular our carbon footprint. To aid this process we are working in conjunction with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) to achieve accreditation through their Modeshift STARS framework.

With the assistance of HCC Sustainable Mobility Co-ordinator, TPS is working towards Bronze accreditation with the aim to raise awareness about sustainable travel and to ensure that we are helping our pupils, staff and parents to be safe on the road whether that be through a car journey, public transport or just walking.

TPS has in place a School Travel Plan (STP), which will be reviewed annually. As an Independent boarding school, we recognise that the majority of our pupils travel to and from the school at the start and end of term, however through our STP we aim to raise general awareness to help all our pupils, parents and staff to be travel aware at all times of the year and to provide advice and guidance to help everyone where possible to reduce the number of car trips they make.

Where possible, we actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as this:

- keeps us fit and healthy
- helps our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- helps keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- is a 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 advising our parents and pupils of the best times to travel and we encourage staff and our sixth form students who have been given permission to drive to school, where possible to car share and to take advantage of the schools cycle to work scheme.
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - Cycle parking
  - Scooter parking
  - Public transport information
- Local and longer school trips are made either by public transport or a coach company where possible to minimise individual car use, or on foot if the destination is close by

### **What we ask of parents**

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and push bikes and scooters on school grounds

- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- To ensure you provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- 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 will ask parents and our sixth form students to consider car share where possible.
- We also encourage parents who are able to do so to use public transport, especially those who are able to use the national rail service as the school runs a mini bus pick up service to and from Tring railway station
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, or across residential driveways for any period of time
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) to school please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents, observing the speed limit on the Drive.
- Please wait within the school premises, it is not acceptable to wait or park in Mansion Drive or across any residential driveways

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
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it