

Holmesdale School Statement on Sustainable Travel

Holmesdale Community Infant School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils using active and sustainable forms of travelling (cycling, scooting, walking, park and stride, bus, etc) to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Some of the benefits of using active and sustainable forms of travelling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage as many pupils to use active and sustainable forms of travelling school as we can, the School will:

- Actively promote using active and sustainable forms of travelling as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to use active and sustainable forms of travelling to school.
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site.
- Plan activities into the curriculum that provide opportunities for children to develop cycling skills.
- Encourage children to become aware of the impact of sustainable travel on their environment and on their personal well-being through planned curriculum activities.
- Participate in local and national initiatives that promote active and sustainable travel such as Bike It (Sustrans), The Big Pedal, Living Streets (Walk to School) Golden Boot etc.
- Encourage safe behaviour whilst travelling through initiatives such as planned curriculum activities, special day initiatives (such as 'Brighter Biker' Days), assemblies and outside input.

The School will seek to engage pupils, parents and staff in promoting active and sustainable travel through:

- School Travel Committee
- Eco Committee
- School Council
- Eco- club
- Involvement with initiatives (e.g. Big Pedal) and special activities.