Ysgol Bryn Deva Travel Policy

At Ysgol Bryn Deva we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking (active travel) wherever possible.

This school travel policy explains how we will be encouraging active travel to school. We will discuss the policy with the pupils and re-visit it periodically to ensure its relevance. For pupils unable to travel to school actively we ask if families could consider if they could finish the rest of their journey to school actively by parking further away from the school. We also encourage use of public transport or car-share.

If you have any ideas to improve things at or around school for pedestrians and cyclists, or questions about travelling to school, please get in touch with Mrs Clegg and Mrs Evans.

Some of the benefits of active travel are:

 improving both mental and physical health through physical activity

 establishing positive active travel behaviour

 promoting independence and improving safety awareness

 reducing the amount of traffic, noise and pollution in the community

 reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage pupils to cycle or scoot to school frequently the school will:

 actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling

 celebrate the achievements of those who cycle and scoot to school

 provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site

 provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

 ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code

 check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained

 behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting

 consider wearing a cycle helmet

 ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

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

 encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible

 encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking cycling or scooting

 consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child on the school run, possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle train' or 'walking bus'.

 provide their child with equipment such as wet weather clothing high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate

 ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Please note that:

 the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

 this policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability. When walking, scooting and cycling activities are being led by the school there may additional rules and guidance concerning equipment such as use of helmets, high visibility clothing, etc.

 parents are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover (check home insurance) as the school is not liable for, and its insurance does not cover, any loss or damage to bicycles and scooters being used on the way to or from school.

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Mrs Clegg