



Derwent and Southill Federation

*We are a Values-led Federation
We respect ourselves; We respect others; We respect the environment.*



Derwent and Southill Federation Travel Plan

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as this keeps us fit and healthy and reduces the impact on the environment.

We actively teach our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently

We recognise that we have a responsibility to help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion

Learning how to make good active decisions about essential travel are life skills from which everyone should be able to benefit.

What we do

We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletter and website at <https://derwentschool.co.uk/> <https://southilllower.org.uk/>

We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. We carry out Sustrans Big Walk weeks in both schools annually and carry out surveys to check which families are able to walk the majority of the way into school.

To support this, we provide or teach:

- Cycle training (Bikeability) for all year groups both on the playgrounds and on the local roads.
- Ample cycle and scooter parking
- Public transport information including emails on road closures and traffic conditions via Dojo for parents and carers and email to staff.
- Local school trips which can be made on foot such as Christmas carol concerts to local churches, or trips to Henlow Camp

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

We also provide electric car charging points in Derwent car park

What we ask of parents

- Encourage all children to walk, scoot or cycle safely and sensibly to school and on the school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained e.g. brakes, lights and tyres
- Encourage and model wearing a cycle helmet

- Ensure children are visible by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure children have locks for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it
- Where a car must be used some parents park further away and walk the last section into school.

What we ask of pupils

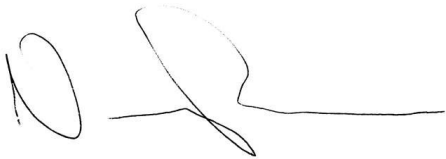
- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school especially when crossing roads or turning corners
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter has brakes and lights that work
- Wear a cycle helmet and wear a coat or top which has high visibility patches so drivers can see you
- Lock your bike up every time when you leave it so it isn't stolen

Policy Review:

The Governing Body of our school is responsible for ensuring the annual review of this policy, and for reporting back to the Local Authority.

Date policy agreed: September 2026

Signed (Chair of Governors)



Date of Review: September 2027