

# Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy Primary Summary

## Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (for children and young people)

The Council has a legal duty under the Education and Inspections Act (2006) to promote the use of sustainable travel and transport. The Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (for Children and Young People) which can be found on the council website explains how the Council does this.

<http://www.barnet.gov.uk/index/transport-streets/road-safety/travel-plans/school-travel-plans.htm>

**When choosing a new school it is good to also consider how your child will travel to school.** Each school has a School Travel Plan (STP) which is a document that explains the initiatives and activities that the school is taking part in to encourage pupils and their families to travel in more sustainable ways, such as walking, cycling and using public transport. You could ask to see a copy of the school's travel plan or you may find a copy on the school's website. To find out more about STPs contact [schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk) or phone 020 8359 7603.

## Walking

It is recommended that children take 15,000 steps a day so walking to school can contribute to this as well as giving opportunities to develop road safety skills and a chance to talk and socialise with families and friends.

## Walking bus

Some schools run a walking bus where adults supervise groups of children as they walk along a set route.



## Public transport

Under 11s can travel free on buses at all

times and on the tube when accompanied by an adult. 11-15 year olds can travel free on buses at all times but need an 11-15 Oyster photocard called Zip. Further details can be found on the Transport for London website [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) as well as a travel planner that can help you to plan your route to school.

## Cycling and scootering

Contact the school to find out if they encourage cycling or scootering and whether there is cycle and scooter storage available. The school may have a cycling and/or scootering policy which explains the rules for children who wish to cycle or scooter. Free cycling courses are provided for Yr 6 and secondary pupils living in Barnet. For more information contact [road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@barnet.gov.uk) or phone 020 8359 7108



If you have to drive to school perhaps you could car share or park and stride:

## Car sharing

Some schools coordinate car sharing lists so you could enquire if the school can help you to find another family to car share with. The Road Safety Team run regular free car seat checking events. For further details contact [road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@barnet.gov.uk) or phone 020 8359 7108

## Park and stride

Many schools have identified possible park and stride locations where parents/carers can park their cars and walk the final part.

## Walk on Wednesday (Wow)

Some schools reward children who walk, cycle, use public transport or park and stride at least once a week with Wow badges or in other ways. Many such schools have a walking zone map that shows where children who come by school by car should walk from to be eligible.