

Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy Secondary 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 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. For further information regarding School Travel Plans contact schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk or phone 020 8359 7603.

Walking

It is recommended that young people 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.

Public transport

11-15 year olds can travel free on buses at all times but need an 11-15 Oyster photo card called Zip. Further details can be found on the Transport for London website www.tfl.gov.uk. The website also contains a travel planner that can help you to plan your route to school. Ask the school if there is a school bus available.

Upgrade - transition materials

Yr 6 pupils from Barnet schools receive in the Summer Term Upgrade materials for

themselves and a booklet for their parents/carers. These give suggestions about making travel choices for secondary school and advice for travelling safely and actively. For more information go to the website <http://www.upgrade7.org.uk/barnet>

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 students 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 or phone 020 8359 7108



If you have to drive to school your child to school perhaps you could car share, park and stride or park and ride:

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.

Park and stride

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

Park and ride

Alternatively you could drive your child part way before they catch a bus the remaining way.