Chesterton Community College Transport (to and from school)

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Chesterton School Travel Policy

We actively encourage our students and staff to walk, cycle or use another active mode of travel to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our students develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion

What we do

- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by having facilities to support active travel as well as using our assemblies and PSHE curriculum to promote the benefits
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
  - o Cycle training (Bikeability)
  - o Cycle parking
  - o Lockers for helmets
  - o Public transport information and financial support for families facing hardship.
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by

What we ask of parents/carers

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, cycle or use another mode of active transport to school whenever possible
- Encourage your child(ren) to walk or ride safely on the way to and from school
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained
- Provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet, contact school for financial assistance.
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing, contact school for financial assistance
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it

- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school
- If your child(ren) travel by bus, consider if they can get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents o It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines or across residential driveways for any period of time.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of students

- Ask your adults at home if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it

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