# **A red shield with gold lions and text  Description automatically generatedKings’ School Travel Policy**

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk or cycle to school as these:

* keep us fit and healthy
* help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
* help our local quality, and reduce congestion on our streets

## What we do

* We promote safe and active travel as much as possible in school, through home-school communication and on our website <www.kings-hants.com>
* 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:
	+ Cycle parking
	+ Public transport information
* Local school trips are made on foot if the destination is in close proximity
* We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child(ren) starts at our school

## What we ask of parents/carers

* Please encourage your child(ren) to walk or cycle to school whenever possible
* Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes whilst on school grounds
* Ensure that bicycles are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
* Provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
* Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
* Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike and that they know how to use it
* Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)’s bicycle as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles on the premises or being used on the way to or from school

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

* Where a car must be used, we ask parents/carers to avoid using Kings’ Road by:
	+ Using the 5 / 10 minute walk zone to arrange a suitable place to drop off/pick up their children

<https://kings-hants.com/app/uploads/2024/10/4310-Kings-School-five-minute-walking-zone.pdf>

* + Using the Drop & Stride site at *Pitt Park and Ride* <https://maps.app.goo.gl/D8gVZdPY32NPxYjJ6>
* If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the vicinity of the school, please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
	+ It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.
	+ It is not acceptable to drive or park on pavements and grass verges.

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle 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 pupils

* Ask your parent(s)/carer(s) if you can walk or cycle to school
* Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, cycling, using public transport or a Park and Stride in line with our Behaviour Policy
* Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
* Push bikes on school grounds
* Check that your bike 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 and that you use it