

Green Ridge Primary Academy

School Travel Plan



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Our School Travel Plan promotes sustainable ways for the school community to travel to and from school. We currently have a Bronze Accreditation and are working towards Silver this year.

Now that the new school year has started, we thought it would be useful to outline some of the events that we have planned for the rest of the term.

Photo Competition YR-Y5

What do you see on your way to school? Could you take a photo or draw an image of something you have seen on your journey? The theme is 'changing weather'. Please email your photo to school, or hand in your picture to your class teacher with the child's full name, class and title of the image (e.g. an address or location of where the image is). There will be one competition winner from EYFS/KS1 and one competition winner from KS2.

The deadline for this competition is Friday 29th January.

Upcoming Projects

- Photo competition
- Bikeability



[Click here](#) to claim your own free family guide to cycling, walking and scooting to school.

Give your bike a check up!

Use the Junior Bike Doctor Checklist on page 2 to help your child check their bike!

WOW Travel Tracker

256 pupils at Green Ridge earned a badge during October for active travel! We look forward to seeing how many children earn the next badge which has a picture of the microchip.



Parking Plea

Walking, cycling or scooting to school is the best way to reduce congestion and pollution, while improving the mental and physical well-being of pupils. These benefits are more important than ever as we 'get active' on the journey to school.

If you do have to drive, please think carefully before you park and do not obstruct our neighbours properties. We have noticed an increase in this when the weather is wetter and there are less spaces in the car park.

If you have any suggestions to improve travel safety or projects that we can run to increase active travel, please let us know!

Car Count

Some of our Eco-Councillors carried out a car count on 24th November 2020. The traffic was observed in 5 minute slots. It was found that 64 cars travel and/or stop by the school from 8:30am-8:55am. The busiest time was 8:30-8:35am. We hope that when we carry out another count next term we find that there are fewer cars!



Junior Bike Doctor Checklist

Brakes

- ☐ Do your brakes stop your bike well?
- ☐ Look at the brake blocks, are they worn?
- ☐ Are the brake levers tight and level?

Wheels & Tyres

- ☐ Check tyres are pumped up and feeling firm. Is the tyre tread on both wheels in good condition or worn?
- ☐ Do the wheels turn easily?

Steering

- ☐ Handlebars should be straight.
- ☐ Does the front tyre line up in the middle when you look down?

Saddle and seatpost

- ☐ Give your saddle a wiggle to ensure the seat clamp is tight and the saddle doesn't move.

Pedals and chain

- ☐ Spin your pedals, do they move smoothly?
- ☐ Take a look at your chain, it should be silver or grey not rusty brown! Make sure you add a little bike oil to the chain links regularly to help it work well.

Frame

- ☐ Check over the frame for damage, dents and rust. It's important to keep your bike clean and dry after use to keep it in tip-top condition!

