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Travel to School Safely Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students travel to and from school safely, responsibly, and in a manner that reflects the values of our school community. This policy applies to all students, whether they walk, cycle, use public transport, or travel by car.

2. General Principles

- Students are expected to behave in a way that maintains their own safety and the safety of others at all times.
- Students represent the school during their journey and must act respectfully within the local community.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to support safe travel choices and reinforce the expectations within this policy.

3. Walking to School

Students who walk to school must:

- Use designated paths, pavements, and pedestrian crossings wherever possible.
- Avoid using mobile phones or headphones when crossing roads.
- Walk with awareness of their surroundings and avoid unsafe shortcuts.
- Show courtesy to residents and other pedestrians.

4. Cycling to School

4.1 Expectations for Students

Students who cycle to school must:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Ensure their bicycle is roadworthy (working brakes, lights, reflectors).
- Use cycle lanes where available.
- Dismount and walk their bicycle while on school grounds.
- Secure their bicycle in the school's designated cycle storage area.
- Follow the Highway Code and cycle with awareness of traffic and pedestrians.

4.2 Parental Responsibilities

Parents/Carers are encouraged to:

- Ensure their child's bicycle is safe and appropriately sized.
- Discuss safe cycling routes with their child.
- Provide a lock for secure storage.

4.3 School Responsibilities

The school will:

- Provide safe and appropriate cycle storage.
- Promote cycle safety through assemblies, tutor sessions, or external training sessions where possible.

4.4 Electric Scooters (E-Scooters)

- **Privately owned electric scooters are *illegal* to ride on UK public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, and public spaces.** They are classed as *motor vehicles* and require insurance, tax, registration and a licence—none of which can currently be obtained for privately owned scooters, making public use unlawful.
- Because they cannot be legally used in public places, **students must not travel to school on privately owned e-scooters.**
- Riding a private e-scooter in public can result in:
 - Fines and penalty points
 - Police seizure of the scooter
- For safety and legal reasons, **e-scooters are strictly prohibited on school grounds.**

4.5 Electric Bikes

- For safety and legal reasons, **electric bikes are strictly prohibited on school grounds.**

5. Public Transport

Students travelling by bus, train, or coach must:

- Queue safely and respectfully.
- Follow instructions from transport staff.
- Show courtesy to members of the public.
- Stay seated where possible and behave responsibly on board.
- Use travel passes appropriately and keep them safe.

6. Car Travel (Drop-off and Pick-up)

Parents/Carers collecting or dropping off students must:

- Adhere to school traffic management systems.
- Avoid stopping in restricted areas or blocking driveways.
- Prioritise pedestrian safety.
- Encourage students to exit vehicles on the pavement side only.

7. Conduct in the Community

Students must:

- Show respect for local residents, businesses, public spaces, and the environment.
- Avoid loud, disruptive behaviour.
- Dispose of litter responsibly.
- Be considerate when walking or cycling in groups.
- Respect private property, including driveways, fences, parked cars, and gardens.

The school expects students to uphold its values at all times, recognising that their actions in the community reflect on the school.

8. Reporting Concerns

Students and parents/carers are encouraged to report:

- Unsafe travel conditions.
- Concerns relating to behaviour on their journey.
- Dangerous cycling, driving, or road conditions.

The school will follow up with appropriate action to safeguard students and maintain positive community relationships. If parents or students have any concerns, they can report them to the following email addresses.

Year 7: classof2033@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Year 8: classof2032@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Year 9: classof2031@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Year 10: classof2030@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Year 11: classof2029@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated in line with local authority guidance and the needs of the school community.

Date of last review	Spring 2026	Review period	1 Year
Date of next review	Spring 2027	Author	O Maund
Type of policy	Statutory	Approved by I Bull	<i>I. Bull.</i>