



Congerstone Primary School Travel Policy

We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as this:

- keeps us fit and healthy
- provides contact with nature and the world we live in which is good for our health and well being
- help our pupils 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 roads free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

What we do

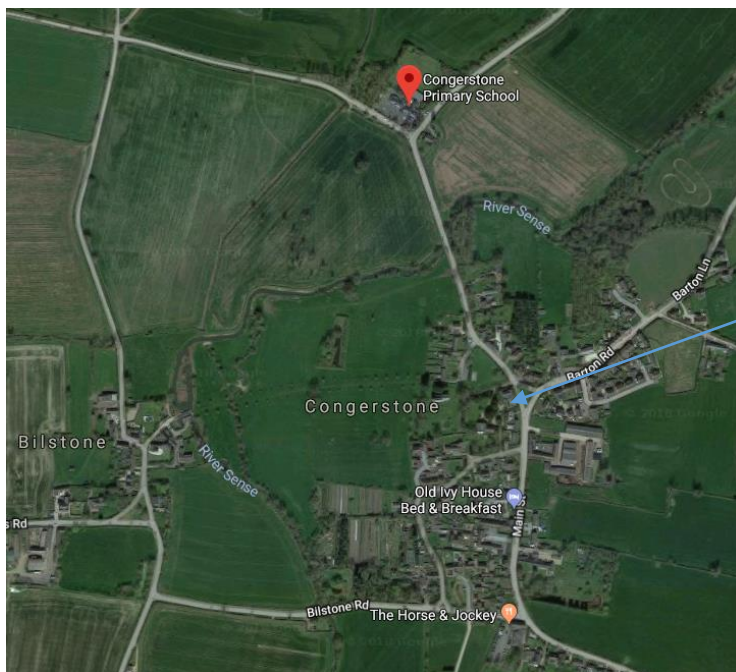
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible by using our noticeboard, displays, newsletters, Twitter and website at <http://www.congerstone.leics.sch.uk>
- We support annual road safety and walk to school campaigns e.g Brake, Living streets and Sustrans Big Pedal
- We record and monitor modes of travelling to and from school through the above organisations
- 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:
 - Guidelines for safe travel to school to all members of the school community
 - Cycle training (Bikeability) for Y4 and y6
 - Walk to school training for Y1
 - Children in EYFS with the opportunity to ride balance bikse confidently and aim to get them independently riding a pedal bike by the end of their EYFS year
 - Cycle/Scooter parking
 - Encourage children to use the school bus if they are eligible
- Ensure local school trips are made on foot if the destination is close by e.g Church
- We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school
- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan

We ask parents to.

- Ensure you and other family members are familiar with our '*Guidelines for safe travel to school*'
- Encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school as part of a regular weekly routine/ whenever possible
- Ensure your child to walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Consider providing your child with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child 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'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

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

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to follow our '*Guidelines for safe travel to school*', which includes detail about 'park and stride'
 - How to keep safe on the pavement when walking to school
 - Use of our 'informal one way system' to keep traffic moving
 - Information about park & stride site



Village Hall

- If you do have to drive your child and stop in the near vicinity 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 length of time.
 - Not to park in the 'drop off bay' before school

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

We ask pupils to

- Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school
- 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
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by wearing high-visibility clothing and using lights in the dark or bad weather
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport