



St Bartholomew's School Travel Policy

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

- keeps us fit and healthy
- helps our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- helps keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- gives us life skills that everyone should benefit from

What we do

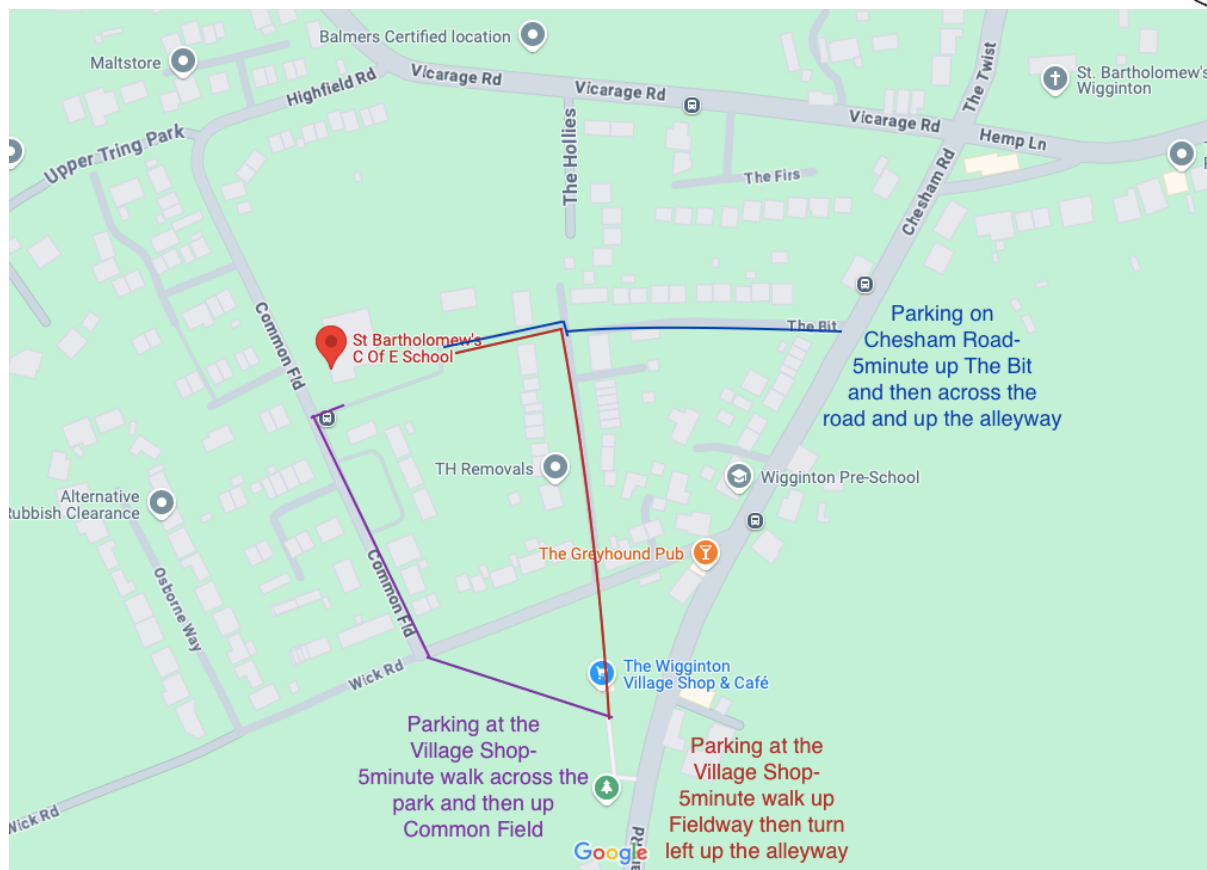
- We use Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
- We promote safe and active travel as much as possible
- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or scoot for their journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Balance Bike training
 - Pedestrian training
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
- Local school trips are made using public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by

What we ask of parents

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot 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 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(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Provide your child(ren) with a lock for their bike or scooter (if you want) and ensure 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 bikes 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 encourage parents to drive only part of the way and park at the Village shop or on Chesham Road and then walk, cycle or scoot the rest of the way to school
 - We have a 5minute walk zone that provides the opportunity for a park and stride journey where active travel is encouraged



- 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
 - 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.

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 pupils

- Ask your parents 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
- Follow the Green Cross Code- <https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/>
- Push bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet for safety
- 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