# St John's Primary School

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## Travel Policy

At St John's Primary, we are part of the TFL's STARS scheme, through this scheme we promote and facilitate active, healthy, safe and sustainable travel to and from school.

Instead of using a private car, the school encourages pupils and their parents to walk, cycle, scoot; or take public transport to school. Our school is part of Safer Streets and therefore parents and staff are unable to access the road directly outside of school at the start and end of the day. This has meant that there is much less traffic on the roads meaning it is safer for children to walk or cycle to school. It has also promoted more active travel as less of our families are now driving to school.

Active Travel provides pupils with an opportunity to:

- Improve their mental health
- Improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Improve their environment by reducing congestion, emissions and noise on the roads
- Improve air quality around the school
- Improve their road safety skills
- Improve their day at school by kick-starting it with a burst of activity

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits we each have an important role to play.

We will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by:

- Promoting the benefits of active travel
- Celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school
- Raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel
- Providing cycle and scooter storage on the school site
- Providing cycle and scooter training to all pupils who wish to participate
- Ensuring we update our school travel plan annually and that it is accredited under TfL STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) scheme
- Setting the example where we can

- Working with our borough school travel and road safety officers to deliver interventions and activities that promote active, safe and responsible travel to school

**Pupils**

To make active travel a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Behave in a sensible, safe and respectful manner and to consider the needs of others when travelling
- Use lights and high-visibility clothing where appropriate and consider wearing a cycle helmet
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and well maintained
- Follow the rules of the road (Highway Code) when travelling and using Stop, Look, Listen, Think [Green Cross Code] when crossing the road

**Parents and carers**

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents/carers to:

- Encourage their child to travel actively to school
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting with their child
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in walking cycling and scooting
- Provide their child with safety equipment as appropriate, which may include high-visibility clothing, lights, cycle helmet and a lock
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and well maintained
- Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

St John's would like to thank you in advance for supporting our travel policy. If you have any ideas on how to promote or provide new opportunities for active travel, please get in touch. Additionally, we would be interested to hear your ideas of how to improve safety or air quality around our school. Our contact details are:

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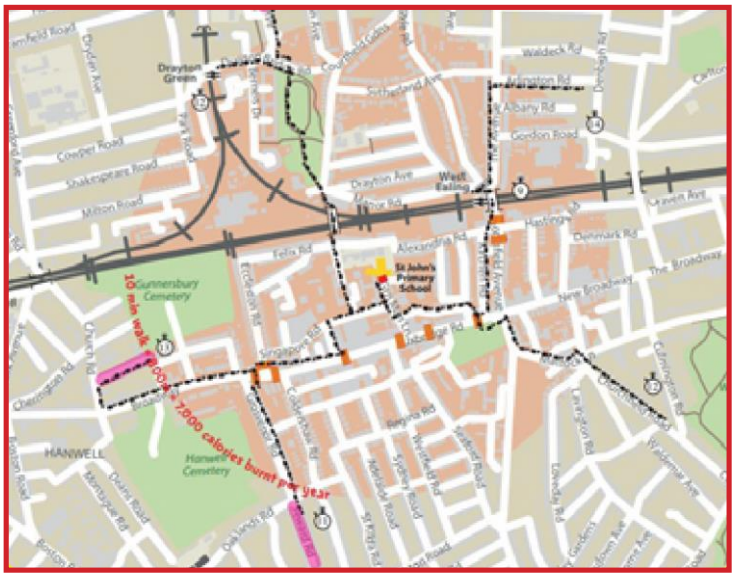

## Nearest Underground Station

Ealing Broadway (Central, District and Elizabeth Lines)

Northfield Station (Piccadilly Line)

## Nearest Rail Station

West Ealing (Elizabeth Line to Heathrow and Paddington)

## Bus Routes

St John's is well served by London buses:

Uxbridge Road: 207 607 427 483 E3 E8

Drayton Green Road: E7 E11

Northfield Avenue: E2

**Changing the way we travel is important because as well as caring for our own health, we also care about our environment and the wellbeing of others.**