



Our Policy

Newchurch Primary School encourages and supports the whole school community to travel more actively and sustainably where possible.

Studies show that travelling actively can help develop physical and mental well-being, social interaction, independent travel skills and good road sense. This helps ready our children for when they leave the school to go to transition into secondary education.



We currently work with a range of external providers, such as Wight Cycle Training, the 'SHIFT-IT' Awards Programme and the Isle of Wight Council, to keep up-to-date with any appropriate schemes, training or grants that help us deliver our School Travel Action Plan.

Our Current Offer

- **School Travel Action Plan** – We have a current plan that is reviewed annually.
- **Cycle Training** - We have training sessions for all ages and abilities. Balanceability club is run by the school. Bikeability is currently run by the IOW Fire & Rescue Service and Wight Cycle Training.
- **Scooter Training** – Playground training sessions around the school area are run by Wight Cycle Training
- **Road Safety Training** – We actively engage with National Road Safety Week, and school programmes offered by outside agencies, such as IOW Fire & Rescue Service.
- **Storage Facilities**
 - **Cycle/Scooter Storage** – Our pupil's bikes are stored outside the reception area against the wall.



Our Achievements in 2017/2018

- Promoted travelling actively and sustainably to our school community
- Engaged with the 'Shift It' programme and achieved the SILVER SCHOOLS AWARD!
- Offered every pupil some form of cycle training – from Balanceability to Bikeability



Plan for this academic year ~2018/2019

- Offer every child in the school some form of cycle or scooter training – from Balanceability to Bikeability.
- Start using the Shift-It data collection app to keep track of the schools travel mode habits and trends during registration.
 - Review the current STAP in September.
- Add active travel information to the school website.
- Achieve the Shift It Gold Award.
- Take part in Active Travel Challenge Event.

Planning Ahead ~ 2019/2020

- Complete 3 Active Travel Challenges, which reflects the emphasis we put on healthy and active children as well as encouraging our school community to consider the environmental impact of the school run.
- Increase frequency and every class using of the Shift-IT data collection app.
- Plan to add sustainable transport theme into the curriculum plan for the year to maintain the GOLD AWARD!
<https://www.sustainablelearning.com/resource/future-transport>