Goldsworth Primary School Travel Policy

At Goldsworth Primary School we encourage staff, families, and children to make sustainable travel choices wherever possible. Car sharing and the use of public transport can help reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and road safety, and lower carbon emissions. Public transport also provides students with an opportunity to develop independence, confidence and essential life skills whilst travelling safely to and from school.

Working together to reduce traffic and improve air quality around the school

Our school is committed to promoting sustainable travel and helping to reduce traffic levels around the school. We encourage staff, parents and carers to consider car sharing where it is practical and appropriate.

By travelling together, our school community can help to:

- Reduce the number of vehicles on local roads at peak times.
- Improve air quality near the school entrance.
- Lower carbon emissions and support environmental sustainability.
- Ease parking pressures for residents and visitors.
- Save money on fuel and travel costs.

Park and Stride

Where driving is necessary, parents and carers are encouraged to park a short distance from the school and walk the remaining journey. We have an agreement with Morrisons Supermarket whereby families may park in their car park before and after school. This **Park and Stride** approach helps reduce congestion, improve road safety and support better air quality around the school.

Air Quality

The school is committed to improving air quality around the school site. We encourage all members of the school community to reduce vehicle emissions by car sharing, using public transport, walking, wheeling, or cycling where possible, and by switching off engines when stationary. These actions help create a healthier environment and support the wellbeing of our children, staff, and residents.

Cycle to Work Scheme

The school actively promotes ’s Cycle to Work Scheme, supporting staff to access bicycles and cycling equipment through a salary sacrifice arrangement. The scheme encourages healthier, more sustainable commuting and can help reduce reliance on car travel for journeys to and from school. To find out more about this scheme, please visit: Surrey Benefits - Cycle to Work Scheme

Promoting Public Transport

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We support students in becoming responsible public transport users by encouraging them to:

- Travel safely and respectfully.
- Keep personal belongings secure.
- Report any concerns to a trusted adult.

Benefits of using public transport include:

✅ Developing independence and confidence
✅ Learning lifelong travel skills
✅ Reducing traffic near the school
✅ Supporting cleaner air and a healthier environment
✅ Lowering carbon emissions
✅ Incorporating walking as part of the journey

Public Transport Behaviour Expectations – Safe and Respectful Travel

Using public transport is an important life skill that helps young people travel safely, independently and sustainably. To ensure everyone has a safe and pleasant journey, pupils should:

- Arrive at the bus stop or station in good time.
- Queue sensibly and allow passengers to leave before boarding.
- Follow the driver's or transport staff's instructions at all times.
- Remain seated where possible and keep aisles and exits clear.
- Speak quietly and behave respectfully towards other passengers.
- Keep personal belongings secure and out of the way.
- Take litter home or dispose of it responsibly.
- Be considerate of elderly, disabled and other vulnerable passengers.

Children should not:

- Use abusive, threatening or discriminatory language.
- Play loud music or videos without headphones.
- Distract the driver or interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.
- Damage vehicles, equipment or property.
- Push, shove or behave in a way that could put themselves or others at risk.

Poor behaviour on public transport may result in action being taken by transport operators and could also lead to school sanctions where appropriate.

Respectful Travel for Everyone

All children have the right to feel safe when travelling to and from school.

Bullying, harassment, intimidation, discriminatory behaviour, or the use of offensive language towards other passengers will not be tolerated.
Students are encouraged to:

- Treat others with kindness and respect.
- Report incidents to a trusted adult, school staff member, parent/carer, or transport operator.
- Support fellow passengers who may feel vulnerable.
- Help create a welcoming and inclusive travel environment.

We will investigate any reported incidents that impact pupil safety and wellbeing during journeys to and from school, in line with our existing behaviour and anti-bullying policies.

Young Person's Travel Cards - Save Money on Travel

Students may be eligible for a young person's travel card or discounted travel scheme.

Benefits can include:

- Reduced fares.
- Unlimited travel within certain areas.
- Easier access to education, training, and leisure opportunities.
- Encouragement to travel independently and confidently.

We encourage students and families to check local transport providers and council websites for current concessionary travel schemes available in their area.

Railcard:
https://www.railcard.co.uk/#BuyRailcard

Surrey LINK bus card:
https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/tickets-and-discounts/apply-for-a-surrey-link-bus-card