

Travelling to school

When choosing a new school it is good to also consider how your child will travel to school.

Each school has a School Travel Plan (STP) which explains what the school is doing to encourage pupils and their families to travel more sustainably, such as walking, cycling or using public transport. You can ask to see a copy of the school's travel plan or you may find it on the school's website.

To find out more, email: schooltravelplans@barnet.gov.uk or phone 020 8359 7603

Walking

It is recommended that young people take 15,000 steps a day, so walking to school can contribute to this, as well as giving opportunities to develop road safety skills and a chance to talk and socialise with families and friends. For directions and a map showing how to walk to any location go to: <http://walkit.com/>

Public transport

11-15 year olds can travel free on buses at all times but need an 11-15 Oyster photo-card called Zip. In year 6 they receive a Zip card holder with an informative map of Barnet from Transport for London. Further details can be found on the Transport for London website www.tfl.gov.uk. The website also has a travel planner that can help you to plan your route to school.

Sustainable travel transition materials

Year 6 pupils receive a Barnet 'Stepping Up!' booklet with advice and information about safer and active travel to their secondary school. Road safety advice includes not listening to music or using a mobile phone when attempting to cross the road. For a copy of 'Stepping Up!' email road.safey@barnet.gov.uk or phone 020 8359 7108.

Cycling and scootering

Contact the school to find out if they encourage cycling/scootering and whether there is cycle and scooter storage available.

The school may have a cycling/scootering policy explaining rules for pupils who wish to cycle or scooter.

You could also ask the school if they will be organising any cycle training for pupils and /or their families. If they are not, email cycling@barnet.gov.uk or call 020 8359 4972 for advice on receiving cycle training as well as information about local led rides and other cycling activities. To be able to ride on the road students should have passed at least the level 2 Bikeability course.

London cycle maps can be seen online or ordered from the TfL website www.tfl.gov.uk

The Council also has cycle guides giving advice on key routes to many of the secondary schools in the borough. To request copies contact cycling@barnet.gov.uk or call 020 8359 4972.



If you have to drive your child to school you could car share, park and stride or park and ride:

Car sharing

Some schools coordinate car sharing lists so you could enquire if the school can help you to find another family to car share with.

Park and stride

Many schools have identified possible park and stride locations where parents/carers can park their cars and children walk the final part.

Park and ride

Alternatively you could drive your child part of the way before they catch a bus the remaining way.

Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (for children and young people)

The Council has a legal duty under the Education and Inspections Act (2006) to promote sustainable travel. The Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (for Children and Young People) can be found at: <http://www.barnet.gov.uk/smots>