

# Woodside Academy



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## Testament for Travel Plan

We are a school totally committed to sustainable travel, continually encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school and their parents to leave their cars at home. In the recent National Walk & Wheel competition organized by Sustrans we came 1st in Thurrock, 1st in Essex, 6<sup>th</sup> in our region and 50<sup>th</sup> in the whole UK. We incentivize sustainable travel with class competitions and bike and scooter rides during the school day. We worked with the local bike hub to provide bikes for children who could not afford them as well as a "Dr Bike" days. We model sustainable travel when we take children on visits, most frequently walking but also cycling, or using the Tilbury ferry or trains into London whenever we can. During the pandemic we installed a new gate so that families could avoid the roads and crowds and enjoy walking to school through our adjacent wood. As a Green Flag Eco School, sustainable car-free travel is an integral part of our ethos and part of our battle against climate change. As a healthy school it is one of many outdoor activities we encourage and gives children the independence and confidence fundamental to their personal development.

Ed Caines 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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