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School Travel Policy

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RATIONALE

The Academy occupies a large plot of land in a busy urban area of Grays Town and is close to a busy main road (Lodge Lane) and is accessed by a busy connecting road to the town centre (Hathaway Road). The school serves a community of approximately 854 learners between the ages of 11-16. Students travel to and from school in several ways. THA, with the support of all stakeholders, is committed to providing a safe environment for its students. This safety concern also applies to the journeys students make in relation to school. This policy attempts to implement and maintain structures to ensure the safety of our students and endeavours to avoid discrimination, harassment or victimisation of all stakeholders.

PURPOSE

- To make students aware of the importance of safety and the dangers associated with road traffic.
- To help students to develop the skills, values and concepts in order to carry out safe practices in the environment.
- The policy identifies safe practice at THA.
- To develop interest and concern in the environmental consequences of an individual's choice and mode of transport.

GUIDELINES

01. The Academy has two car parks that staff can use and visitor, disabled and ambulance spaces are also identified. Students are not allowed on to the car parks at any time.
02. There are speed ramps immediately outside the Academy entrances to slow traffic.
03. The road outside the Academy entrances is marked as a no parking area and is signposted as a no parking zone.
04. The Academy owns a minibus that is fitted with seat belts that are worn by all passengers. Staff are required to take a MIDAS minibus driving test. Every effort is taken to ensure behaviour by passengers does not endanger the safety of others.
05. The Academy has three entrances, all of which are at the front of the school. One of the three entrances are for traffic only, the second one remains shut. The third and main entrance is designed for pedestrian use only. Duty staff are instructed to ensure students use the correct entrance. Duty staff are present at the start and at the end of the day. Staff are also present on the school gates at break and lunch times. Parents/carers are not permitted to enter the car park to drop off or pick up students at the beginning or at the end of the day.
06. The Academy has a number of students who cycle to and from school. The school bike sheds are situated along the connecting path to the pedestrian entrance. Cyclists are instructed to dismount whilst they are on the school site and also encouraged to ride only on the roads or preferably any available cycle paths.

07. Our school day, which begins at 8.15am and ends at 2.35pm, has helped to improve the issue of visibility of our students to road users.
08. THA's message on improving student safety is repeated on every available occasion including communication to parents through our newsletters.
09. The Academy has an 'Educational Visits Policy', which includes a framework for correct and safe behaviour on school visits.

EVALUATION

The ALT group continue to be responsible for the maintenance of this policy, and will continue to liaise with all interested parties in keeping it up-to-date. The policy will be formally reassessed triennially unless there is a change in legislation or a significant issue arises. Changes to the policy will be implemented as and when required and those changes evaluated under the same conditions as above.

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