

School Cycling Policy

[Name of School] recognises that there are many benefits of cycling to and from school, including:

Improving health through physical activity;

Promoting independence and improving pupils safety awareness;

Reducing congestion, pollution and noise within our community;

Reducing the environmental impact of travelling to school; and

Establishing a positive attitude towards active travel.

As such, we are looking to encourage cycling to/from school in as many ways as possible. To encourage our pupils to cycle to cycle to school, the school will:

Actively promote cycling as a positive way to travel;

Provide adequate cycle storage and changing facilities on the school site;

Provide cycle training for pupils wishing to cycle to school;

Establish a School Cycle Permit Scheme;

Set up Cycle Train for pupils wishing to cycle to school; and

 Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.

To ensure that cycling to/from school is a positive experience for everyone, we expect our pupils to:

Ensure that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained;

Ride sensibly and safely, ensuring that they follow the highway code;

Be respectful for all other road users (including fellow pupils). Students should behave in a manner that shows them and the school in the best possible light.

Strongly consider wearing a helmet

Ensure that they can be seen by other road users, and recommend wearing high-visibility clothing and using bike lights and reflector strips.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

Encourage their child to develop competence and confidence in cycling;

Ensure bicycle ridden by pupils to school are roadworthy and well maintained

Provide their children with appropriate safety equipment, including high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights, reflector strips, and consider equipping their child with a helmet.

Parents/carers should be advised that the school’s insurance does not cover the loss or damage to bicycles stored on the school site, and therefore parents/carers may wish to take out insurance to cover their child’s bicycle. Furthermore, the decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to/from school safely rests entirely with the parents/carer and therefore the school takes no liability for any consequence of that decision.