



Safe Cycling to School Policy

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Introduction

As a responsible Body, Governors are committed to encouraging children and their families to walk or cycle to/from the school where ever this is practical and safe.

The benefits of this policy relate to :

- Improving the health and wellbeing of our children and indirectly their families by cycling.
- Reducing congestion at peak times in areas around the school site which will benefit parents and local residents.
- Reducing Co2 emissions.

In an effort to support children and parents with cycling to school, bicycle racks are provided inside the main entrance from the Leisure Centre.

General Principle

While Governors are committed to encouraging cycling, they are mindful of the associated possible dangers and difficulties. In an attempt to minimise these, the following principles must be followed :

- Only children who have passed the bikeability test should cycle to school unaccompanied. Parents of children who have passed this test will be asked to sign a consent and agreement form before the school will allow bicycles to be secured on site. See Form 1 (Appendix 1). Parents of accompanied children should complete Form 2 (Appendix 2).
- Children who have not passed the bikeability test should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- When cycling to school the child/adult should respect normal highway regulations and be courteous towards pedestrians.
- Bicycles must be padlocked to the bike rack provided and not to any other part of the school's premises or boundary.
- The owner of the bicycle is responsible at all times for the bicycle, its security and any protective items attached to it.
- Parents of children who cycle unaccompanied are strongly encouraged to provide a combination lock and to notify the school office in writing of the number.
- Cyclists must dismount before they enter the school site and not mount their bicycles again until they are out of the school gates.
- Children should wear a protective helmet and ensure that trousers and footwear are suitable for cycling.
- Cycling helmets can be secured to the bicycle or hung on pegs in cloakroom areas. They must be named.

Conclusion

Governors sincerely intend that cycling to/from school should be a desirable and pleasurable experience for all concerned but that it should not cause distress or injury to any other member of the school or wider community.

For any child who does not comply with the principles, as stated, agreement to secure their bicycle in the school grounds will be withdrawn and the appropriate authorities will be notified.

Finally, parents remain responsible for the child's journey to and from school at all times and Governors cannot accept responsibility for any injury to the child concerned or to any third party.

Form 1

Appendix 1

Cycling to school : Unaccompanied

Child's Name _____ Age _____

My child has passed their cycling proficiency test and I agree to their cycling to school.

I have read and accepted the principles, as detailed in the school's policy,

Name _____ Signature _____

Form 2

Appendix 2

Cycling to school : Parents accompanying children

Child/Children's Name(s) _____ Age(s) _____

My child/children will be accompanied while cycling to/from school and we will be making use of the bike storage facilities.

I have read and accept the principles, as detailed in the school's policy,

Name _____ Signature _____