



Protocol for Bikes and Scooters

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This protocol covers bicycles and scooters which children might use in travelling to and from school. As we recognise both the environmental and health benefits of cycling and riding scooters we would like to work, in partnership with parents, to provide a clear understanding of responsibilities which will help to support safe cycling and scooter riding.

Some of the benefits of cycling and riding scooters to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.

The school will:

- Actively promote cycling and riding scooters as a positive way of travelling.
- Provide a cycle/scooter shed on school premises for safe storage of personal bikes and scooters and helmets. The school's insurance does not cover bicycles, scooters or related equipment – they are brought to school at your own risk.
- Offer Bikeability cycle training for pupils where available including Level 1 Playground Based Bikeability Training and Level 2 Road Based Bikeability Training. Where possible the school will also promote scooter training and cycle training in the school with clubs and workshops.
- Hold annual road safety lessons in our Keep Me Safe term of PSHE.

The decision to allow a child to scoot/cycle to school rests with parents. We strongly recommend that all children who cycle and ride a scooter to school are accompanied by an adult; until such time as the parent is confident the child has the knowledge and skills to be allowed to cycle unsupervised. Responsibility for children whilst on their way to or from school rests with parents. The school cannot take responsibility for the safety of children outside school.

We expect children to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the rules of the Highway Code that relate to cycling, including always giving way to pedestrians on footpaths.
- Behave in a manner which shows them, and the school, in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling and riding their scooters.
- Wear a cycle or scooter helmet – we strongly recommend that all children wear helmets when cycling or scooting. These should fit well and conform to British standards.
- Dismount from bicycles and scooters at the designated school gate and walk on the school site.



- Ensure they can be seen by other road users by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing as appropriate, especially during winter months

We expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling / scooter riding such as school clubs and training.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as a cycle / scooter helmet, bicycle lights and high visibility clothing. We cannot force children to wear a helmet, but in the interests of safety we ask parents to insist their child does so. Please note that for any scooter/cycle clubs that take place in school, including after school clubs, that helmets must be worn by all participants.
- Ensure that the cycles and scooters being ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Identify the safest cycling / scooter route to school with their children and point out particular hazards and danger points.
- Ensure that children dismount their bikes and scooters when reaching the school gates and wheel bikes and scooters through the gates. Riding in the playground is not acceptable at any time.