



Cycling to School Policy

Our Christian faith emphasises the value and worth of every individual with their own distinctive character, gifts and abilities.

Christ's command to 'Love one another' calls us to respect and help other people, this provides the foundation for our school and all we aim to achieve.

"When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking". -Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Benefits of cycling to school include:

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

Role of the pupil:

1. To ride to school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code
2. To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
3. Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
4. To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from the school site.
5. To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
6. To dismount upon entering the school site and walk their bicycles to the storage area.
7. To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle to the storage area.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
9. To lock the bicycle securely to the cycle storage unit, with a lock provided by the parents.
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in the class cloakroom.
11. To travel to and from school via the agreed route with parents or caregivers.



Role of the school:

1. To provide Bikeability Training during the Autumn Term in Years 6
2. To provide and maintain the cycle storage unit (located outside the Yr.3 classroom).
3. To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
4. Holy Trinity C of E Primary School is not responsible for bicycles brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party but will do its best to provide secure storage.
5. The Head of School will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

Role of the parent:

While this school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school we strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary Bikeability training available through school. More information on the Bikeability training syllabus is available at www.bikeability.org.uk

It is advised that parents note the RoSPA advice that children below 11 years of age have not normally attained sufficient cognitive hazard perception skill. For children who are below the age at which on-road cycling training is offered (Years 6) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school, we recommend that these children are accompanied by their parents.

Parents must request permission, using the school proforma, for their children to bike unaccompanied. The school will risk assess these requests and provide permits where it deems cycling to school is appropriate. Please note, the school can only be responsible for your child when they enter the school grounds and cannot take responsibility or liability for children once they have left school at the end of the day.

Although the school provides appropriate cycle storage, parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

Conditions for cycling to Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

To ensure the bicycle used is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.

1. To fit the bicycle with a bell and a working light.
2. To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to cycle to school alone.
3. To provide a named cycle helmet and encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
4. To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle to the cycle storage unit at school.
5. To note that all bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owner's risk.



This school reserves the right to revoke a cycle permit in the event that these conditions are ignored.

The Governing Body approved this procedure on date: 27th March 2018

Signed: *Yasmin Thom Davis* Chair of Governors

Signed: *AST* Head Teacher



Cycling Permit

Name of Pupil:.....Date of Birth:.....

Cycle make:.....Model:.....

Cycle colour:.....Features:.....

I accept the above conditions and request permission

for....., my child, to cycle to school and to be given access to the available cycle parking.

Signed..... Parent/Guardian/Caregiver

Date.....



Request for Permit

Name of Parent/Caregiver:.....

Name of Child:..... D.O.B:.....

Proposed route to school

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My child has undertaken the Bikeability training

Yes/No

I have read and understood the Holy Trinity C of E Primary School Cycling to School Policy

Yes/No

I agree to the conditions of this policy and take full responsibility for my child's travel to and from Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

Yes/No

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian/Caregiver

Date:.....

Pupil Agreement

I,....., fully understand my responsibilities when cycling to and from school and agree to the rules outlined in the policy and the route agreed with my parent/caregiver.

Signed:.....

Date:.....