



Cycling Policy

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School Cycling Policy

Robin Hood Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling / scooting 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.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To ensure the safety of all pupils who cycle to school there are a number of roles which must be carried out:

Role of the school:

1. To provide annual Cycling Proficiency training
2. To provide and maintain a cycle storage area
3. To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
5. Robin Hood 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.
6. The Headteacher will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.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 Cycle Proficiency training.

It is advised that you 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 year 5 or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school we recommend that these children must be accompanied by their parents.

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.

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* We will contact and make parents aware if this is not adhered to. For children's safety – we would always advise children wear helmets whilst riding on the road.
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 through the playground.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians
9. To lock the bicycle securely, with a lock provided by the parents
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in the designated area

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Cycle to School Contract

Robin Hood Primary wants to encourage as many pupils as possible to cycle to school. However, to ensure the safety of pupils and the wider community all pupils and parents must follow/obey/adhere to the following conditions:

1. To ensure the bicycle is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To fit the bicycle with a bell and a working light (during winter months)
3. To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to cycle to school alone
4. To provide a named cycle helmet and encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
5. To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle to the bike pod at school.
6. 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.