



Clarendon Primary School & Children's Centre

Cycling Policy

This policy is in line with all Spelthorne Schools

Philosophy & General Aims

- At Clarendon Primary School we believe that cycling is a highly beneficial activity.
- Cycling provides the opportunity for children to demonstrate a practical application of road safety knowledge.
- It encourages a greater awareness of the environment as well as developing a sense of independence and responsibility.

What you need to know if you want to cycle to school

- There is one cycle storage area for pupils to safely secure their bicycles.
- Pupils will only be allowed to ride to school and store their bike on receipt of a signed agreement between home and school.
- We will refuse pupils the opportunity to cycle to school and store their bike if any of the conditions below are broken.
- Year 6 will be given priority to use the cycle shed and ride to school.

Health & Safety

We want to take every care to ensure that pupils are safe cycling to school. Pupils therefore need to be in the company of an adult. There is a greater potential for accidents and incidents for pupils cycling to school than for pupils walking or being driven to school. Because of this we believe the following guidelines are vital to ensure the safety of pupils. The following points form the agreement between home and school and are as follows:

- Year 6 pupils who have passed their school cycling proficiency test may cycle to school unaccompanied if their parents give consent. (The cycling proficiency test may be taken outside school).

- All other pupils cycling to school must do so accompanied by an adult.
- All pupils cycling to school must wear a helmet.
- Pupils may only enter the school site via the footpath gate.
- **Cycling must not take place anywhere on school grounds.**
- **Pupils must dismount and walk through the main gate.**
- Pupils should wear reflective clothing during winter months or when out in the dark.
- Pupils must ensure that they have adequate means to safely secure bicycles to the racks provided.
- Pupils must take responsibility for keys and locks.
- The school bears no liability for cycles and helmets brought on to the school site.
- Parents need to ensure that a home insurance policy covers bikes stored away from home.
- Siblings must also adhere to the above policy

If parents agree to this policy then they can complete a Parental Agreement Form and return it to school. The child can only cycle to school in the company of an adult and only after a form has been returned.

Review

Date discussed by staff: Spring term 2014

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Date due for review: Spring term 2017

CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CYCLING POLICY - PARENTAL AGREEMENT

Below is our information for the parental agreement. In encouraging cycling to school we are aware of the safety issues that surround the school. This is why, at present, we ask that adults accompany their children unless the child has completed their cycling proficiency.

- As a parent I give permission for my child to cycle to school.
- I have read the cycling policy and agree to be bound by the conditions set out within the document.
- I understand that if these conditions are broken the school will refuse permission for my child to cycle to school.

I understand that:

1. Year 6 pupils who have passed their school cycling proficiency test may cycle to school unaccompanied if their parents give consent.
2. Year 6 will be given priority to the use of the cycle shed.
3. **All other pupils cycling to school must do so accompanied by an adult.**
4. All pupils cycling to school must wear a helmet. These must be clearly named.
5. Pupils may only enter the school site via the footpath gate. **Cycling must not take place anywhere on school grounds.**
6. Pupils must dismount and walk their bikes through the front gate.
7. Pupils must ensure that they have adequate means to safely secure bicycles to the racks provided. Pupils must take responsibility for keys and locks.
8. The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to bicycles whilst on school premises. Parents may need to consider if their home policy includes bikes outside the home.
9. All siblings who arrive on their bikes must also adhere to the policy and not cycle on the school grounds.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Signature of Child: _____

Signature of Headteacher: _____

This agreement should be returned to the school office for signature by the Headteacher.

A copy will be retained for our files with the original returned to parents for their information.