

BEECHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cycle-to-School Policy 2020



Together we can!

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Beechwood Junior School Cycling Policy

Beechwood Junior School recognises the many positive benefits of children cycling to and from school.

These include:

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

Role of Parent:

- Ensure their child has an appropriate knowledge of road safety.
- Decide whether a child is competent to cycle independently to and from school safely. The responsibility rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.
- Take responsibility for checking that their child's bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Provide a lock to secure their child's bicycle whilst at school.
- Ensure a helmet and appropriate clothing is provided.
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles or equipment.

Role of Pupil:

- To ride sensibly and safely.
- Ensure that their bicycle is locked securely in the bicycle bays at all times when unattended.
- Behave in an appropriate and safe manner and consider the needs of others when cycling including pedestrians and other children.
- Wear a cycle helmet and appropriate, high visibility clothing.
- Dismount from their bicycle when entering the school gates or grounds.
- Every child who comes to school on a bicycle must have a signed agreement.

Role of the school:

- Provide high quality cycle training to pupils in Year 6.
- To provide a cycle storage area.
- To promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.

Beechwood Junior School is not responsible for bicycles brought onto or left on the school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party.

The Headteacher will notify parents/guardians if children do not adhere to the School Cycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

There are a very limited number of storage spaces available for bikes. Please do not allow your child to cycle to school until you have received a copy of the Cycling Home-School Agreement signed by child, parent and Headteacher.

Child:	Parent:	School:
<p>I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride sensibly and safely, not listening to music through earphones whilst cycling. • Ensure that my bicycle is locked securely when unattended. • Behave in an appropriate manner and consider the needs of others. • Dismount when entering the school gate and walk to the cycle storage area. • If cycling, I will wear my cycle helmet and appropriate, high visibility clothing. 	<p>I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure my child has an appropriate knowledge of road safety. • Ensure all bikes are roadworthy and appropriate for the age of the child in terms of frame size and seat height. All bikes must have brakes that work safely. • Decide whether my child is competent to cycle independently to and from school. • During the winter months when cycling to and from school in the dark, ensure that their child wears reflective clothing and that all bikes have front and rear lights. • Provide a lock to secure child's bicycle. • Ensure a helmet and appropriate clothing is provided. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and maintain cycle storage areas. • Provide cycle training in Year 6. • Speak to parents should their child be found to be cycling dangerously and permission to cycle may be withdrawn.
<p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Headteacher Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>