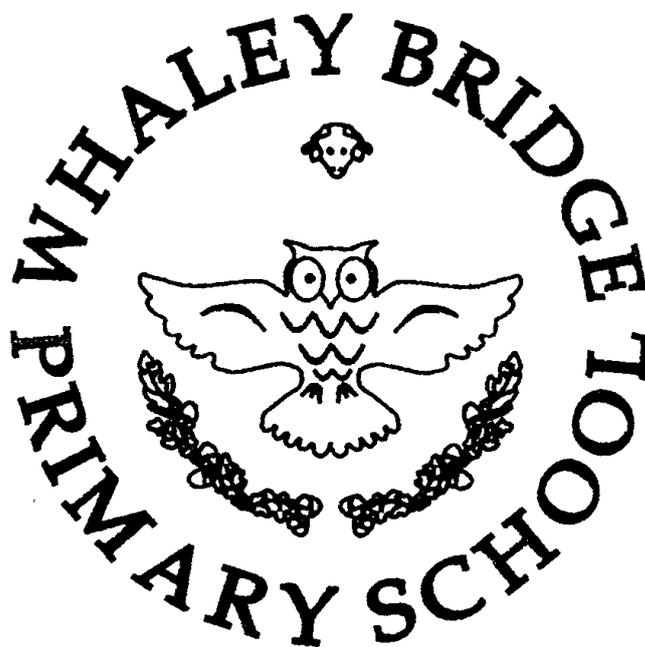


WHALEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



CYCLING & SCOOTING POLICY

Whaley Bridge Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling and scooting to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour with our children, Reception – Year 6. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child arrives at school safely. If parents/carers would like their child to cycle or scooter to school and use the provision that we are offering then we would like to draw your attention to the following:

Benefits of cycling and scooting 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. 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 scooting;
3. To wear a cycle helmet correctly to and from the school site if riding a bicycle;
4. To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate;
5. To dismount upon entering the school site and walk their bicycles and scooters to the storage area using the correct entrance;
6. To wheel their bicycle/scooter down the ramp on the steps.
7. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians;
8. To lock the bicycle or scooter securely to the bike rack/scooter pod, with a lock provided by the parents;
9. To clearly label their cycle helmet;
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in school;

Role of the school

1. To provide high quality cycle and scooter training to pupils
2. To provide and maintain cycle/scooter pod storage;
3. To actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling;
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle or scooter to school;
5. The school will notify parents/carers if children do not adhere to the School Cycling and Scooting Code of Conduct and Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed;
- 6. Whaley Bridge Primary School is not responsible for bicycles or scooters brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles or scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party.**

Role of the parent

1. Decide whether their child is competent to cycle/scoot to and from school, safety rests with the parent(s)/carer(s) and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.
2. Children remain parent(s)/carer(s)' responsibility up until they enter the school entrance with their bicycle/scooter.
3. Provide a lock to secure their child's scooter or bicycle.
4. For cyclists, ensure a helmet and appropriate clothing is provided.

5. To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained;
6. 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, scooters or equipment.
7. We strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school in years 5 & 6 have undertaken the necessary Cycling Proficiency training available through school. More information on the Bikeability training syllabus is available at <http://bikeability.dft.gov.uk/> which can also offer one to one training for children.
8. We recommend that if a child intends to use the school premises for storage of their bicycle/scooter then we require them to have returned a completed Cycling and Scooter Home- School Agreement Form signed.
9. Children who have not passed cycling proficiency must be accompanied by an adult. **(Please note that we do not have any space at school to store the bicycles/scooters of anyone other than the children).**
10. Ideally Infants we would like the Infants to come to school on a scooter but parents(s)/carer(s) may choose for their child to come on a bicycle, if that is the case please do ensuring careful supervision from the parent/carer.
11. To ensure that pupils are able to comply with all points outlined in the section 'Role of the Pupil'.

Conditions for using the cycling and scooting provision at Whaley Bridge Primary School

1. To ensure the bicycle/scooter is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size;
 2. To fit the bicycle with a bell and working lights – a working white front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back.
It is an offence for a child to cycle at night without lights;
 3. To complete Cycling and Scooter Home - School Agreement Form signed.
 4. To provide a named cycle helmet and ensure pupils wear it and bright and/or reflective clothing on the journey to/from school;
 5. To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle/scooter to the bike pod at school;
 6. To note that all bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners' risk;
 7. Scooters are acceptable; however motorised scooters are not permitted.
- The school reserves the right to revoke a bicycle/scooter in the event that these conditions are ignored.

The Head teacher will notify parent(s)/carer(s) if children do not adhere to the Cycling and Scooter Home-School Agreement and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

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