



Cycle Policy

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Southway Junior School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils 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 environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage as many pupils to cycle to school as we can, **the school will:**

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Provide cycle storage on the school site.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

At Southway we restrict independent cycling to those pupils who have attended on-road cycle training (Level 2 and above). All other pupils wishing to cycle to school **must** be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, **our pupils must:**

- Wear a cycle helmet when cycling to/from school.
- Ride sensibly and safely and follow the Highway Code.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Dismount from their bicycles or scooters and walk when on the school site.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Secure their bicycles during school hours in the cycle shed provided.

For the well-being of our pupils, **we expect parents and carers to:**

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Sign up to the cycling policy as part of the Home School Agreement.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as cycle helmet, high-visibility clothing and bicycle lights as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles/scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

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- Ensure younger siblings dismount from scooters/bikes when on the school site.
- Accompany children cycling to school if they have not completed Level 2 Safer Cycling training.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

Cycles/scooters will be left at the owner's own risk. Although the storage is behind gates which are locked during school hours, the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to any cycles or scooters left at school. The school strongly recommends that all cycles and scooters are secured to the cycle storage unit.

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