



Clarendon Primary School, Nursery & Children's Centre

Cycling Policy

'Doing our best to achieve our best'

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 your child to cycle to school

- Pupils will only be allowed to ride to school and store their bike if they and their parents / carers agree to abide by the guidelines outlined below. ***N.B -The school reserves the right to refuse children the opportunity to cycle to school and store their bike if any of these conditions are broken.***
- Year 6 will be given priority to use the cycle shed and ride to school. This is largely due to the fact that the school only has one cycle storage area that can be used by children in order to safely secure their bicycles.

Health & Safety

We want to take every care to ensure that children are safe when cycling to school and therefore believe, until a child is in year 6 and have completed their cycling proficiency assessment; they should be accompanied to school by an adult. Unfortunately this is because there is a greater potential of accidents and incidents for children cycling to school than for children walking or being driven.

As a school we believe the following guidelines are vital to ensuring the safety and well-being of children and therefore form part of the agreement we expect children and parents will adhere to:

- Year 6 pupils who have completed their school cycling proficiency assessment may cycle to school unaccompanied if their parents give consent for them to do so. (*N.B – The cycling proficiency assessment may be completed outside school*).
- All other pupils cycling to school must be accompanied by an adult.
- All pupils cycling to school must wear a helmet. (These must be clearly named.)
- 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.
- All siblings, who arrive on their bikes, must also adhere to the above policy and not cycle on the school grounds.

Review

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