



St Mark's

CE Primary

School

Cycling to school Policy

Policy Statement and Guidelines

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It is our responsibility, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to give all children the right to learn happily and safely in school. **Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe drinking water, nutritious food, a clean, safe environment and information to help you stay healthy and well.**

St Marks C of E Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling and using a scooter to and from school. We actively encourage this form of travel. These guidelines are to promote the health and safety of all of our pupils. The benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- 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 and scooter to school as we can, the School will:

- Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle/scooter to school.
- Provide cycle/scooter storage on the school site.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.
- Work in conjunction with Sustrans (www.sustrans.org.uk) through the **Bike It** School Mark to build a durable cycling culture.

To make cycling/scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle/scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained e.g.
 - Correct seat height
 - Correct handle bar height
 - Bell works

- Brakes work effectively front and rear
 - Correct air pressure in tyres
 - Working lights front and rear
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- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
 - Wearing a properly fitting cycle helmet.
 - Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

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.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and helmet as appropriate.
- Accompany children under the age of 10 when cycling to school as this complies with RoSPA advice.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- All pupils must dismount when entering school premises. No cycling/scooting is permitted on school premises.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle/scooter 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 bicycle or scooters.