

Orchard Community Primary School



Cycling Policy

This policy was approved by the Governing Body of Orchard Primary School at their meeting on.....

Signed..... Chair of Governors

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Introduction

Orchard Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school:

- 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.

We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible and hope to support parents who wish their children to cycle to school.

As part of this ongoing commitment, we have produced a 'Cycle to School' contract. So that permission to cycle to school can be given, pupils and parents/carers must read, understand and agree to the following.

Cycling to School Contract/Permit:

The school:

- Requires that each cyclist must ride a trustworthy bicycle, correctly adjusted to his/her height.
- Recommends that each cyclist wears a correctly fitting and adjusted safety helmet which meets the relevant safety standards for a cycle helmet.
- Recommends that each cyclist wears a high visibility jacket or tabard, and requires that a jacket or coat with reflective material is worn.
- Requires that effective, working lights must be used when appropriate.
- Recommends a lock for each cycle left on school grounds. (The school is not liable for property brought onto our premises, and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles, scooters etc. being stolen or damaged by a third party).
- Recommends that whilst cycling to school, children who have not attended a cycle training course are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Will provide two secure storage areas for a limited number of cycles.
- If it is available, will offer training under the safer Cycling Scheme with instructors from Leicestershire County Council's Road Safety Team for pupils in selected year groups.

The Parent:

- Makes the final decision whether the child cycles to school.
- Agrees to explain clearly to the child all the road safety and courtesy issues involved in cycling to school.
- Checks that the cycle is in a roadworthy condition and is correctly adjusted to the child's size.
- Checks that the child is wearing a correctly fitted approved cycle helmet and appropriate clothing, at their discretion.
- Will accompany their child until such time as the parent is confident that their child has the knowledge and skills to be allowed to cycle unsupervised.

The Child:

- Agrees to cycle safely, responsibly and courteously at all times.
- Will not ride on the pavement as this is illegal.

- Will discuss with their parents the road safety and courtesy issues involved in cycling to school.
- When crossing roads, dismounts and pushes the bicycle across the road. Cycling across the road is dangerous.
- Will dismount at the school gates and walk the cycle to and from the cycle storage area.
- To wear a correctly fitting and adjusted safety helmet, at the discretion of the parents.
- Ideally has and uses a lock for their bicycle.
- Understands that dangerous or inconsiderate behaviour will mean that permission to cycle to school is withdrawn.

Mini-Scooters

Pupils who wish to bring in mini-scooters to school must follow the same instructions for bikes. They must not be ridden on school property and must be stored alongside the bicycles. A contract/permit is not required for scooters, but pupils who do not adhere to the safe riding rules will be asked to leave their scooters at home.

Contract/Permit

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Head teacher

J. Shields

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Parent

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Child

Pupil's Name: _____ (Please Print)

Please note: The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Schools are not liable for property brought onto their premises. Parents are therefore advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes (check home insurance) as the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to bicycles.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS POLICY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE YOU START CYCLING TO SCHOOL. WE WILL SEND A SIGNED COPY HOME FOR YOUR RECORDS.