



# Walking/Cycling/Scooting Policy

Friar's Grove Primary School is keen to encourage walking/cycling/scooting for the school journey to promote healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyles and to reduce the dangers of traffic congestion at the start and end of the school's day.

## **Some of the benefits of walking/cycling/scooting to school include:**

- Improving both mental and physical 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.

## **To encourage as many pupils to walk/cycle/scoot to school as we can, the school will:**

- Provide a safe place for bikes/scooters to be stored.
- Actively promote walking/cycling/scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

## **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 is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling/scooting.
- Be responsible for locking their own bike/scooter.
- Walk their bike/scooter on school property (unless as part of an organised activity).
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle/scooter lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- **Wear a cycle helmet.**

## **For the well-being of our pupils, we expect Parents/Carers to:**

- Ensure their child wears a **cycle helmet**.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as **high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights**.
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling/scooting.
- Consider cycling/scooting or walking with their child on the school run, joining with other families as a 'cycle train' or a 'walking bubble.'
- Investigate a suitable cycle/scooter route for their school journey to and from school.
- Ensure they or their child is responsible for locking their own bike/scooter.
- Ensure that their child does not ride their bike/scooter on school property.
- Ensure that the cycles/scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

**Please note: The decision as to whether a child is competent to walk/cycle/scoot safely to and from school rests with the Parents/Carers. The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents/Carers are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bikes/scooters as the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage.**

*To be reviewed bi-annually.*

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