

**CYCLING**

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## **CYCLING POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

The Beacon School recognises that there are many positive benefits for students who cycle to and from school every day. This policy puts into effect our principles for encouraging this and aims to promote the education of safe and healthy lifestyles.

The benefits of cycling include:

- Improving health through physical activity;
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours ;
- Promoting independence, confidence and safety awareness;
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community;
- Reducing the environmental impact on their journey to school.

### **COMMITMENT**

The Beacon School is committed to encourage and educate our students in this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible and will:

- Actively promoting cycling as a positive way of travelling;
- Celebrate the achievement of those who choose to cycle to school;
- Provide secure cycle storage on the school site;
- Provide high quality cycle training to all students who wish to participate.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

To make cycling to and from school a positive and safe experience for everybody concerned, we require our students, with the support of parents and carers, to:

- Take up opportunities to develop competence and confidence when cycling;
- Ride sensibly, safely and follow the Highway Code;
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained, including brakes;
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling;
- Always wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet;
- Wear school uniform with additional high-visibility clothing as appropriate.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users by using bicycle lights.

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

Parents/carers are expected to agree to certain conditions and sign a contract before the school's permission to cycle to school will be granted.