

## Cycling Policy

Outwood Primary Academy Bell Lane recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage our children to travel to school by bike.

Some of 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 pupils to cycle to school the School will:

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
- Provide cycle storage on the school site.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all Y6 pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling 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 in the community.
- Wear a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Dismount and walk with their bike before entering the school premises.
- Mount their bike only on leaving the school premises.

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and guardians 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 cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Sign the school's cycling agreement prior to allowing their child to cycle to and from school.

The decision as to whether a child is competent and responsible enough to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parent/guardian 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 bicycles.



CYCLING AGREEMENT

I have read and agree to abide by Outwood Primary Academy's Cycling Policy.

I understand that the safety of my child cycling to and from the school is my responsibility.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete one form for each child. Additional forms are available from the academy office.



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