



Cycling and Scooter Policy



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March Church of England School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling /scootering to and from school. These include:

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

- Actively promote cycling /scootering 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 /scooter training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling /scootering 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.
- Ensure that their bicycle /scooter is secured in an appropriate location at all times when unattended.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling /scootering.
- When cycling, consider seriously, wearing a cycle helmet.
- When cycling, ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Dismount from their bicycles /scooters and walk when on the school site.

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 /scootering.
- Provide their child, who is cycling, with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles /scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Take responsibility in closely supervising your child on and off the school premises.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle 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 bicycles.