



Benfield School



Cycling To School Policy

Benfield School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving 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

Role of the pupil:

- To ride to school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code
- To 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
- To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from the school site
- To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate
- To dismount upon entering the school site and walk their bicycles to the storage area
- To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle through the school grounds
- To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians
- To lock the bicycle securely in the bicycle store with a lock provided by the parents
- To safely store the cycle helmet in a locker
- To travel to and from school via the agreed route with parents or carers

Role of the Parent:

- Parents must request permission, using the school proforma, for their children to cycle to school. The school will make a decision on these requests which will consider responsible behaviour in school and provide permits where appropriate
- Please note, the school can only be responsible for your child when they enter the school grounds and cannot take responsibility or liability for children once they have left school at the end of the day
- Although the school provides appropriate cycle storage parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles

Conditions for Cycling to School

- To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to cycle to school
- To ensure the bicycle is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size
- To fit the bicycle with a bell and a working light
- To encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey
- To encourage their child to wear a helmet whilst cycling
- To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle at school

- To note that all bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners risk
- This school reserves the right to revoke a cycle permit in the event that these conditions are ignored

Role of the School:

- To provide and maintain cycle storage and a locker if required for storage
- The Year Leader will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed

While this school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school we strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary Bikeability training .More information on the Bikeability training syllabus is available at www.bikeability.org.uk

**To continue to ride to school your child must return this slip to the school office
CYCLING PERMIT**

Pupil Name:	Date of Birth:	Form Group:	
Cycle Make / Model			
Cycle Colour			
Cycle Features			
<p><i>I accept the above conditions and request permission for my child, to cycle to school and to be given access to the available cycle parking.</i></p> <p>Signed: Date:</p> <p>Parent/Guardian)</p>			
<i>Office Use:</i>	<i>Permit Issued:</i>	<i>Number:</i>	<i>Date:</i>