

# Hillborough Junior School

## Cycling & Scooting Policy



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

### **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 as many pupils to cycle or scoot to school as we can, the School will:**

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

### **To make cycling and 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 or scooter 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 and scooting.
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Ensure they walk their bikes and scooters whilst on school premises.

Failing to abide by these conditions may result in the child being banned from scooting or cycling to and from school.

### **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.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles or scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Ensure your child adheres to the rule about not riding their scooter or bike on school premises during pick up and drop off times.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. This includes any loss or damage to the bike or scooter; any injury or accident that happens coming to school or leaving school. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles or scooters and we shall not be held liable for any loss or damage.