

GISBURN ROAD C.P. SCHOOL BARNOLDSWICK

CYCLING POLICY



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Gisburn Road Community Primary School Cycling Policy

The Governors and staff of Gisburn Road Community Primary School recognise 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 or from 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 the environmental impact of the journey to or from school.

Role of the pupil:

1. To ride to or from school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code.
2. To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
3. Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
4. To correctly wear a cycle helmet to or from the school site and whilst walking through the playground.
5. To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
6. To dismount upon entering the school site and walk their bicycles to the storage area.
7. To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle through the playground.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
9. To lock the bicycle securely to the bike pod, with a lock provided by the parents.
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in the cloakroom or locked onto the bicycle.

Role of the school:

1. To provide cycling training for pupils in Y5 and Y6 through Bikeability.
2. To provide and maintain cycle storage.
3. To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to or from school.
5. **Gisburn Road Community Primary School cannot accept any responsibility for any bicycles brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for any bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party.**
6. The Headteacher will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

Role of the parent:

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

For children who are below the age at which on road cycling training is offered (Y5 & Y6) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to or from school - **these children must be accompanied by their parents and therefore do not require a Cycle Permit.** Signs displayed make it clear that the school accepts no responsibility for bicycles brought onto the school site.

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.

Parents need to ensure the following CONDITIONS FOR PUPILS CYCLING ALONE TO OR FROM GISBURN ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL:-

N.B. Pupils must be in Y5 or Y6 and will have successfully completed a Cycle Training Course in school.

1. To ensure the bicycle is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To fit the bicycle with a bell and working lights.
3. To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to cycle to or from school alone.
4. To provide a named cycle helmet and ensure their child wears bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
5. To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle to the bike shelter at school.
6. 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.

It is advised that you note the RoSPA advice that children below 11 years of age have not normally attained sufficient cognitive hazard perception skill. In view of this, it is the parents' responsibility to decide whether THEIR child IS safe to CYCLE ALONE TO OR FROM SCHOOL.

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Cycling Permit for a Y5/Y6 child to cycle to or from school alone

N.B. Your child must not cycle to or from school alone until this permit has been signed by the Headteacher and returned to parents. Pupils will also need to have successfully completed cycle training in school when applying for a Cycling Permit.

Name of Pupil..... Date of Birth.....

Cycle make..... Model.....

Cycle colour..... Features.....

I accept the above conditions and request permission for (my child) to cycle to or from school and to be given access to the available cycle parking.

Signed..... Date.....

Name (please print).....Relationship to child

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Cycle Permit granted Head Teacher[Date]