

## **Red Hall Primary School School Cycling Policy**

Red Hall Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school when the alternative is a car or bus journey. However, we also recognise that walking to school is the healthiest option and that cycles on the premises can present health and safety issues. For these reasons our policy permits children to cycle to school if they live beyond a reasonable walking distance or are partaking in a planned activity and only then with the prior knowledge and approval of the Headteacher.

### **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:**

1. To ride to 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 and 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 **(bicycle must be locked in storage area before 8.50am)**
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 class cloakroom

### **Role of the school:**

1. To provide Cycling Proficiency Testing during the summer term in Y5
2. To provide and maintain cycle pod storage
3. To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
5. Red Hall Primary School is not responsible for bicycles brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' 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Headteacher will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.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 school we strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary Cycle Proficiency training available through school. More information on the Bikeability training syllabus is available at [www.bikeability.org.uk](http://www.bikeability.org.uk)

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. For children who are below the age at which on road cycling training is offered (year 5) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school we recommend that these children must be accompanied by their parents.

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 Red Hall Primary School**

1. To have the prior permission of the Headteacher
2. To ensure the bicycle is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
3. To fit the bicycle with a bell and a working light
4. To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to cycle to school alone
5. To provide a named cycle helmet and encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
6. To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle to the bike pod at school.
7. 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.

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**Application for 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 school and to be given access to the available cycle parking.

Reason for application .....

Signed.....  
Parent/Guardian

Date .....

Permission Given: YES/NO

Date Permit Issued.....