

# Hempstalls Primary School Cycling and Scooter Policy

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Hempstalls Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel 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:

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.
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 storage, with a lock provided by the parents.
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in the community room.

#### Role of the school:

1. To provide Cycling Proficiency Training for Y4 and Y5 children, known as '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 school
5. Hempstalls 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 Head Teacher will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle and Scooter Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed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 recommended that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary cycle training available through school.

More information on 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 Hempstalls Primary School:**

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



**Hempstalls Primary School**

*Come as you are and leave as a Champion*

Hempstalls Primary School Cycling and Scooter Permit

Name of Pupil:

Class:

Cycle make:

Model:

Cycle colour:

I accept the above conditions and request permission for my child to cycle or scooter to school and to be given access to the available cycle parking. I will provide a helmet for my child.

Signed:

Name:

Date: