

# Vale Primary School

## Cycling / Scootering Policy



Vale Primary 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:

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 or scooters to the cycle 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 or scooter securely inside the bicycle shed, with a lock provided by parents
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in the class cloakroom
11. To scooter to school under the supervision of parents

### Role of the school:

1. To provide Cycling Proficiency training during the summer term in Year 5 and 6
2. To provide and maintain the bicycle 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. Vale Primary School is not responsible for bicycles or scooters brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' these being stolen or damaged by a third party.
6. The Headteacher will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Cycling Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.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 Cycling 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 children need to have sufficient cognitive hazard perception skills in order to cycle. Thus cycling training is offered to older children in Years 5 and 6. For those 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 may not cover loss or damage to bicycles or scooters.

#### **Conditions for cycling to Vale Primary 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 a working light
3. To complete a 'Bicycle 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 or scooter to the bicycle storage at school.
6. To note that all bicycles, scooters and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners risk

Vale Primary School reserves the right to revoke a cycle permit in the event that these conditions are ignored.

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**Cycling Permit**

*Please fill in and return the section below*

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

Date of

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 bicycle storage.

Signed.....

Date..... Parent/Guardian