



**Cycling to School Policy**

**Rationale**

Shefford Lower 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. The Headteacher and Governing body believe that all children of our school's age range should be accompanied by an adult when cycling to school.

**Responsibility**

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parent/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

**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 to school as we can, the school will:**

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Provide cycle storage on the school site.

**To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils and/or parents to:**

- Ride sensibly and safely, with adult supervision, and to follow the Highway Code.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- Wear a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

**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 ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Ensure that children and adults dismount and that no cycles are ridden on school site i.e. anywhere between the school gates at the top of the School Lane and the Bloomfield Drive entrance to the pedestrian footpath through Robert Bloomfield Academy.

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## SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL

### CYCLING TO SCHOOL – PERMISSION FORM

While Sheffield Lower School wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school (under adult supervision), the decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves on the route from home to school and back must be yours and yours alone. Sheffield Lower School does not accept liability for any consequences of that decision.

Sheffield Lower School supports pupils who wish to walk or cycle to school since it improves their health and fitness, reduces traffic outside the school making conditions safer for everyone and benefits their general development. If you wish your son/daughter to cycle to school (under adult supervision), would you please complete the form below. It is important that we know the numbers of children cycling to school even on an irregular basis in order that we can make appropriate security and safety arrangements.

#### **Insurance Cover**

Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles. Cycles left in the school's cycle storage are left at the parents' risk and the school is not liable for any loss or damage.

#### **Cycle Helmets**

Pupils are strongly advised to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights (when visibility is poor).

#### **Conditions for Cycling to School**

- All bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition.
- Cyclists must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code.
- It is recommended that approved cycle training be undertaken, where appropriate.
- All bicycles should be placed in the approved cycle parking area. It is strongly advised that parents provide their own chain/lock for security purposes.
- Cyclists should always dismount when entering the school grounds and walk.
- It is parents' responsibility to ensure the removal of bicycles after each school each day. The school cannot be held accountable for any remaining on the premises overnight/weekends etc. (Refer also to the para above re. insurance cover).

This school reserves the right to revoke use of cycle storage in the event that these conditions are ignored.

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

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

I accept the above conditions and request permission for .....(my child) to cycle to school, supervised by an adult, and to be given access to the available cycle parking.

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

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