



Buckland Primary School Bicycle and Scooter Policy Bicycle Storage on School Premises Policy



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Bicycle and Scooter Policy

At Buckland Primary School we recognise both the environmental and health benefits of cycling to school and wish to promote safe cycling to school. Cycling gives children freedom as it provides an opportunity for independent travel. The School encourages cycling as a safe and affordable means of getting to and from school with minimal impact on the environment. Parents are responsible for the safe transport of children to school. **We strongly recommend that children who cycle to school are accompanied by an adult, until such time as the parent is confident the child has the knowledge and skills to be allowed to cycle unsupervised.**

Our school promotes cycling:

All pupils are encouraged to undertake cycle training if they have not already done so. Pedals, Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Cycle training courses are available for all pupils in Years 2, 4 and Year 6 respectively. The school arranges for the borough to run these courses at the school as part of our PSHE curriculum.

All pupils are expected to wear a helmet that conforms to current British Standards and are encouraged to:

- Provide and be responsible for their own bicycle/scooter, helmet and lock
- Wear high visibility clothes that are visible to other road users
- To be courteous roads users and to cycle/scoot in accordance with the Highway Code
- To be mindful of pedestrians at all times (remember it is illegal to cycle on the pavement)
- Investigate a suitable cycle route for their journey to and from school
- Let parents/guardians know the route they will be using (if cycling unaccompanied)
- Report any problems with their route to either the school or their parents/guardians
- **Dismount on arrival at the school gate before entering school premises**

Any issues regarding pupils cycling/scooter to and from school are to be raised with the Senior Leadership Team.

Parental Guidance & Understanding

Partnership with parents and a clear understanding of responsibilities will help to support safe cycling/scooting. While the school provides a cycle and scooter storage areas and Bikeability cycle training, for older children, the decision to allow a child to cycle to school rests with parents. We suggest that parents identify the safest cycling route to school with their children and point out particular hazards and danger points.

Parents should understand that the school is not liable in any way for any injury or damage caused either on the journey to or from school while riding a bicycle or scooter. Responsibility for children while they are on their way to or from school rests with parents. The school can take no responsibility for the safety of children outside school.



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To encourage environmentally sustainable transport to school and help improve children's fitness, bicycle and scooter storage spaces are provided. These are located in the Key Stage 1 playground and for Key Stage 2, outside the Junior Hall, where pupils' bicycles and scooters can be locked to storage brackets. Pupils/parents/guardians are responsible for bike and scooter locks.

Maintenance Checks

Cycles and scooters ridden to school should be fully roadworthy and properly maintained. Regular checks should include:

- ✓ Both brakes working
- ✓ Steering sound
- ✓ Tyres pumped up, and wheels not wobbling sideways
- ✓ Handlebars and saddle straight and tight
- ✓ Front and rear reflectors and wheel reflectors
- ✓ Both lights working

Liability and Insurance

Parents must understand that any property (bicycles/scooters/helmets etc) put in the storage areas are left entirely at the owner's risk. Schools are not liable for property brought onto their premises, and are therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles or scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party while they are at school. The school's insurance does not cover cycles on the premises, therefore parents are advised to make their own arrangements.

We recommend that cycles are clearly marked or post-coded and that all equipment is named.

Useful Website - www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/