

Little Chalfont Primary School



Cycling and Scooter Guidance

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Bicycle and Scooter Policy

At LCPS, we recognise both the environmental and health benefits of cycling to school and wish to promote safe cycling to school.

In line with our Walk to School and Travel Tracker policy we would like to promote and encourage cycling as a safe and affordable means of getting to and from school with minimal impact on the environment.

We strongly recommend that children who cycle to school are accompanied by an adult if they have not completed the bike ability course or 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 in the following ways:

All pupils are encouraged to undertake cycle training if they have not already done so. Cycling proficiency courses are available for all pupils in the summer term of Year 5 to support our policies on health, safety, environment and welfare.

All pupils are encouraged to:

- Provide and be responsible for their own bicycle/scooter and lock.
- Wear clothes that are visible to other road users.
- All pupils are expected to wear a helmet on a bike, however, it is a parental responsibility to decide whether children wear helmets whilst riding a scooter. We do recommend that helmets are worn for EYFS and KS1.
- Investigate a suitable cycle route for their journey to and from school.
- Let parents/guardians know the route they will be using if not accompanied by an adult.
- Dismount on arrival at the school gate. For safety reasons we ask that you do not scoot/cycle on school grounds.

Guidance

Partnership with parents and a clear understanding of responsibilities will help to support safe cycling/scooting.

Storage

The cycle and scooter racks are available on school premises for those with a cycle/scooter.

Maintenance checks

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

1. Both brakes working
2. Tyres pumped up, and wheels not wobbling sideways

3. Handlebars and saddle straight and tight
4. Front and rear reflectors and wheel reflectors
5. Both lights work if you have them.

Safety

Helmets should fit well and conform to current British standards. We also recommend the use of high visibility garments such as jackets or tabards. Lights should be in good working order.

Useful Website

www.bikeability.com www.transportforlondon.com

Expectations & Procedures

Children who ride their bicycles to school will be familiar with basic Highway Code road regulations (e.g. is it illegal to cycle on the pavement) and are always mindful of pedestrians and whenever possible receive cycling training e.g. 'Cycling Proficiency Awards'. We recommend that cyclists personalise their helmets and bicycles by adding names or other identifying features.

Parental Agreement and Understanding

Parents understand that any property (e.g. bicycles/scooters/helmets etc.) stored in the bicycle area are left entirely at the owner's risk and the school is not in any way responsible for the security and safekeeping of the property. Parents 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.

Parents will read the policy and sign and return the parent consent form below.

Parent Consent for use of bicycle in term time at Little Chalfont Primary School

Student Name: _____

Year Group: _____

I give my permission for the above-named student to ride their bicycle to school and request permission for them to park it on school premises.

I accept full responsibility for the bicycle and its usage and will not hold the school responsible for any loss or damage, however caused.

I have received and read the policy statement regarding the use of bicycles for travel to and from school and for parking them on school premises.

Signed Date (Parent): _____

Date: _____ -

Please email this completed consent form to the office@littlechalfont.bucks.sch.uk