



CYCLING POLICY FOR LEIGHTON ACADEMY

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Leighton Academy is part of The Learning Partnership.

CYCLING POLICY

Leighton Academy recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling or scooting 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 or scooter 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 or scooting.
4. To correctly wear a 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 use the designated cycle path on entry to and exit from the school site and dismount before entering the school gates. **No bikes or scooters should be ridden on the playground.**
7. To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle or scooter through the playground.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
9. To lock the bicycle or scooter securely to the bike racks, with a lock provided by the parents.
10. To safely store the helmet in the class cloakroom or lockers.

Role of the school

1. To provide Bikeability lessons in Y4, 5 and 6.
2. To provide and maintain cycle/scooter storage.
3. To actively promote cycling or scooting as a positive way of travelling.
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle or scoot to school.
5. Leighton Academy is not responsible for bicycles or scooters brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles or scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party. The school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles or scooters.
6. The principal will notify parents if children do not adhere to the school cycling policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.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 academy 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 Cycle Proficiency training which will be available in future through school. More information on the Bikeability training syllabus is available at 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 (from Year 4) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school we recommend that these children 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 Leighton Academy

1. To ensure the bicycle or scooter is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To fit bicycles with a bell and a working light.
3. To complete a cycle permit giving permission for the child to store their cycle or scooter in the cycle pods.
4. To provide a named 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 cycle rack at school.
6. To note that all bicycles, scooters and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners' risk.

This school reserves the right to revoke a cycle agreement in the event that these conditions are ignored.