

## **St Saviour's C of E Academy**

### **Cycling and Scooter Policy**

#### **Summer 2020**

St Saviour's C of E Academy recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel 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 bicycles/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.
4. To correctly wear a cycle/safety helmet to and from the school site.
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/scooters to the storage area.
7. To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycles/scooters through the playground.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
9. To store bicycles/scooters securely to the bike/scooter storage.
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#### **Role of the school:**

1. To provide Bike Ability training for KS 2 pupils.
2. To provide and maintain cycle storage.
3. To actively promote cycling/scooter as a positive way of travelling.
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle/scooter to school.
5. St Saviour's C of E Academy is not responsible for bicycles/scooters brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles/scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party.
6. The Principal will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Cycle/Scooter Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.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/scooter to school we strongly recommended that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary cycle training available through school. More information on Bikeability training syllabus is available at [www.bikeability.org.uk](http://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 or 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 does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.**

**Conditions for cycling/scooting to St Saviour's C of E Academy:**

1. To ensure the bicycle/scooter is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To fit the bicycle/scooter with a bell and a working light.
3. To provide a named cycle helmet and encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
4. To note that all bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owner's risk.

**Pupils who do not behave in a safe manner on their scooter or bike (on the school premises) will not be allowed to use their scooter/bike to travel to and from school.**

**Written** Summer 2020

**Principal** L Davis

**Chair of Governors** M Weller

**Review** Summer 2023

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