

## POLICY FOR USE OF BICYCLES

- 1. Students of all ages are encouraged to use bicycles to travel to school.
- 2. It is the parent's responsibility to give their child permission to use a bicycle for the journey to and from school.
- 3. Any bicycles brought onto school premises must be parked in the designated areas.
- 4. Students riding bicycles to school must wear appropriate bicycle helmet.
- 5. Parents are responsible for the roadworthiness of the bicycle as the Academy takes no responsibility whatever. Both front & back bicycle brakes and lights should be working. The Academy has the right to refuse permission for the student to return home on the bicycle if it is not considered to be roadworthy.
- 6. Parents are advised to take out insurance cover for bicycles as the Academy carries no insurance cover for loss or damage.
- 7. The Academy does not accept liability whatever for damage to or loss of bicycles whilst on the school premises and will not be liable for death or personal injury.
- 8. Parents' written permission is required before students are allowed to bring bicycles on site.
- 9. Once the form has been received and the request approved students will receive a permit allowing them to bring their bicycle onto the Academy site. This should be carried in the top pocket of the blazer and be available for checking on demand. The cost of replacement permits if lost or damaged lies with the student.
- 10. Bicycles must be secured in the designated area throughout the school day.
- 11. Students must not use the school drive when arriving at or leaving school. Students should mount and dismount their bicycle in the school lay by and walk their bicycle to and from the designated parking area.
- 12. Bicycles must not be loaned to other students.
- 13. Students with bike permits will be required to attend safety update training.
- 14. Students must not engage in unsafe conduct when cycling to and from school including wearing headphones, using phones, carrying passengers, swerving in and out of the road/pavement etc.
- 15. The Academy has the right to refuse permission for a student to use a bicycle to travel to and from school.