

Botley C of E Primary School
Cycling to School Policy



1.0 Rationale:

Botley C of E Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

We recognise that some of the benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

2.0 Aims:

- To encourage our older pupils to cycle to school independently.
- To allow the use of the cycle storage for younger children who cycle to school with their parents.
- To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
- To provide cycle storage on the school site.
- To provide high quality cycle training to all older pupils who wish to participate wherever possible.

3.0 Responsibility:

3.1 School Responsibility

To encourage our pupils to cycle to school we will:

- Where and when possible, we will provide opportunities for cycle training for all pupils who wish to participate in Upper Key Stage Two. This cycle training will be provided by trained instructors and will follow the programme prescribed by Hampshire County Council Road Safety Team. The training is for both on site and off site cycling.
- Provide cycle shelter for bicycles during the school day and storage for equipment such as cycle helmets.
- Encourage and promote safe and sensible cycling to and around school.
- Make parents aware that some of our pupils cycle to school, so that drivers and pedestrians are aware of potential hazards.

3.2 Pupil Responsibility:

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- Wear a correctly-fitted cycle helmet.

- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Participate in cycle training.
- Have their parent’s permission to cycle to school.
- Cycle to school with their parents if they have not completed the Hampshire cycle training.

Only pupils who have met these criteria, or are attending cycle training based on the school site, will be allowed to cycle onto the school grounds and use the cycle shelter.

3.2 Parent/carer Responsibility:

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- If a parent wishes for their child to cycle to school, but they have not yet completed appropriate cycle training, they must accompany their child when cycling to and from school and when locking their bicycle in the storage facilities.

Failure of parents to undertake these responsibilities may result in the school withdrawing the right of their child to use the bicycle storage facilities.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school’s insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles. Children must supply a suitable cycle lock and a padlock for lockers.

This Policy has been reviewed and agreed by the School’s Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body recognises that they have used their expertise to do so.

R. Nichols

Signed..... Date...11.09.25
(Chair of the Whole Governing Body)

Date of Next Review.....September 2026.....