



CYCLE AND SCOOTER POLICY

St James' Catholic Primary School

St James' Catholic Primary school recognises the many positive benefits of children cycling and scooting to and from school.

These include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel habits.
- 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 parent:

- Ensure their child has an appropriate knowledge of road safety.
- Decide whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot independently to and from school safely rests with the parents/carers and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

- Take responsibility for checking that their child's bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained, or that the scooter is well maintained.
- Provide a lock to secure their child's scooter or bicycle.
- For cyclists, ensure a helmet and appropriate clothing is provided.
- Ensure their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycle, scooter or equipment.

Role of Pupil:

- Ride safe and sensibly
- Ensure that their bicycle or scooter is locked securely in the appropriate place at all times when unattended.
- Behave in a appropriate manner and consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting.
- If cycling wear a cycle helmet and appropriate, high visibility clothing.
- Dismount from their bicycle or scooter when entering the school gate.
- Every child o comes to school on a bicycle must have signed agreement.

Role of the school:

- Provide high quality cycle and scooter training to pupils.
- To provide and maintain cycle and scooter storage areas.
- To actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- To celebrate achievements of those who choose to cycle and scoot to school.

St James' Catholic Primary School is not responsible for bicycles or scooters brought onto or left on the school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles or scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party.

The Head Teacher will notify parents/guardians if children do not adhere to the School cycle policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

