



Cycling Policy

Godinton Primary School

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Godinton 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.

1. Benefits of Cycling

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.

The children are taught about these benefits in PSHE lessons, science lessons and through school assemblies.

2. Encouraging Pupils to Cycle

To encourage as many pupils to cycle to school as we can, the School will:

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of traveling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
- Provide cycle storage on the school site.
- The school participates in Bikeability training levels 1 and 2 which follows national cycling standards and is undertaken in Years 4, 5 and 6.
- Arrange cycling activities which encourage children to develop their cycling skills and which involve parents, such as weekend family bike rides, virtual bike ride competitions and 'learning to ride' sessions.
- The school participates in Bike It initiatives and has been awarded bronze status.

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.
- Consider wearing a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Ensure that bicycles are secured within designated cycle storage

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.
- Ensure that cycles are securely locked in school cycle storage racks. Cycles are left at the owner's risk.

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.