

Cycling & Skillful Scootering Policy

Introduction

The Governing Body of Houghton Conquest Lower School is keen to encourage their children to travel to school in a healthy and environmentally friendly way. Walking, cycling or riding a scooter are fun ways to arrive at school ready for the day ahead and are all an environmentally positive solution to traffic on the High Street in a small village.

We support pupils who wish to cycle or scooter to school. The decision on whether or not a pupil is able to cycle or scooter safely to and from school, and the ability of any adult accompanying them, rests with the parent/carer/guardian. Parents and carers will need to provide a correctly fitted cycle helmet, reflective clothing and lights when visibility is poor.

Pupils cycling with an adult

We advise parents and carers to make sure their child has undertaken an appropriate cycling training course. We recommend the 'Bikeability course', usually offered as an activity by the PTA in the summer term with an official instructor. Doing so, and handing in the 'permission slip' on Appendix 1, will entitle the pupil to bring their bike on to the school grounds to park it.

Pupils cycling without an adult

Parents/carers may decide that a pupil is able to cycle without accompaniment. In this case, before being permitted to bring a cycle onto school grounds, pupils must hand in a signed permission slip at the school office. The school cannot legally prohibit cycling to school, however, we can refuse bikes from the school grounds. *We strongly recommend pupils of Lower School age are accompanied by a parent.*

Parking a cycle

1. Students must park their cycle in a 'Minipod', our designated area in the school for storage. The school will not be held liable in the event of theft or damage by a third party and the school is not responsible for the safety of the pupils' bicycles whilst stored on the school premises. Riders should secure their own bikes.
2. The school may undertake checks to ensure students leaving their bikes on the premises have handed in their signed permission form.

Pupils scootering to school

Children riding a scooter to school must be accompanied by an adult at all times and to stay within a range of control of the adult. Children must not scoot too far ahead of the adult even when going downhill. When the footpath is very crowded, for example by the school entrance, children should only scoot at walking pace. Children are requested to wear something bright when travelling to school so they can be seen in the darker months. Children must scooter on the pavement at all times and dismount to cross roads with an adult. Children must dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their scooters to the parking facility – Minipod.

If you'd like your child to bring his or her scooter into the school grounds, you need to sign the slip, 'Skillful Scootering' on Appendix 2 and return it to the school.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher, staff and Governors.

Please complete and return to school office

APPLICATION TO PARK CYCLE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

I have judged that my child's skills are sufficient for them to cycle to school.

My child will be accompanied by an adult on their journey Yes / No

My child has undertaken the Cycling Proficiency / Bikeability Level 1 course ... Yes / No

I will provide my child with a correctly fitted cycle helmet for their journey
to and from school..... Yes/No

Signed **Date**.....
Parent/Carer/Guardian

Name of Pupil **Class**

Please complete and return to school office

SKILLFUL SCOOTERING

I have read and understood the Cycling & Skillful Scootering Policy and agree to follow it.

I also agree that the school will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage which may occur whilst the scooter is on school premises.

It is my responsibility to decide on whether a helmet for scootering is necessary for my child.

Child's Name

Class

Parent/ Carer's signature

Date