



"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."
(Matthew: 17 v20)

Scooter and Bicycle Agreement - Your bike/scooter is a vehicle – not a toy

At The Downs CEP we aim to encourage children to follow healthy lifestyle have taken the decision to allow bikes/scooters to be ridden to school. However, with this choice there is an element of risk to both the child and the local community that needs to be minimised.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to negotiate such hazards as present themselves on the route from home to school and back must be the parent/carers. Parents take full responsibility for their child's behaviour when they ride to and from school. The Downs CEP does not accept any liability for any consequences of the decision.

This contract sets out the expectations of cycling/using a scooter to and from The Downs CEP School with a view to minimising the risks associated with cycling/using a scooter. The decision to allow bikes/scooters can be reversed at any time if required.

Code of Conduct:

- Children must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code. Parents must ensure that their child has received instruction on the relevant road rules and know how to ride safely and sensibly. This includes wearing safety gear such as helmets, use of lights in winter, high visibility jackets and reflective clothing
- Children must ride single file and not in pairs or packs.
- Children must not do wheelies or any other stunt that puts themselves or others at risk.
- Children must not cause obstruction, stress or offence to other road users, pedestrians or members of the public.
- Children must plan their route to and from school carefully, with an adult and make sure they always use this route.
- Children must carry anything they need in a back pack, and they must never carry anything under their arm or hanging from the handlebars.
- Children must not use their mobile phone or listen to any musical device when riding their bicycle/scooter to and from the school.
- Children are expected to maintain their bicycles/scooters in good working order
- All cyclists/scooter riders must dismount when entering school premises and secure their bicycles/scooters in the appropriate bike/scooter shed.
- The security of bicycles/scooters is the responsibility of the individual and their parents/carers. Measures should be taken to protect against theft.

Insurance:

In addition, parents / carers are advised to take out the appropriate insurance cover or check their home insurance policy, as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles/scooters. Neither does it cover any liability the children incur due to their actions whilst cycling/riding scooters.

Sanctions:

Breaching any parts of the code of conduct, including bringing the school in to disrepute, will result in the child's right to cycle/use scooter to school being removed. Initially this will be until the end of the half-term but potentially longer for re-offenders and in some cases permanently. Parents will be informed of the situation. If a child is caught riding a bike or scooter to school when this permission has been withdrawn they will be given a lunchtime detention for breach of the code. Persistent breaches of the code will result in further sanctions as deemed appropriate at the time.

Contract:

Pupil - I understand that if I do not follow the Code of Conduct, my right to use bike/scooter will be removed and I will not be able to ride my bicycle/scooter to and from school.

Parent - I understand that the school is not responsible for the safety of my child, whilst on their journey to or from school, or for the security of their bike/scooter at any time.

Signed Child: _____

Signed Parent / Carer: _____