

The Queen's Church of England Primary School

Policy for pupils cycling to school

The Queen's school supports pupils who wish to walk or cycle to school since it improves their health and fitness and reduces traffic outside the school, so making conditions safer for everyone.

However, while wishing to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school, the decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves on the route from home to school and back must be yours and yours alone. The Queen's school does not accept liability for any consequences of that decision. The Queen's school strongly recommends that for safety reasons children dismount prior to Cumberland Road and walk the last part of the way to school.

Below is the school's outline of safety arrangements and the school's permit. No child will be allowed to use the school's facilities without a signed permit. If you wish your child to cycle to school please complete and sign the attached form. The completed form will be returned to you if permission is granted.

Parents are reminded that the school does not cover loss or damage to bicycles at any time.

Conditions for cycling to/from school

1. Pupils cycling on their own to school must have passed their Cycling Proficiency Test. Any pupil who has *not* passed this test MUST be accompanied by an adult who must also ride a bicycle. We regret that there is no space to store the bicycles of parents and carers at school.
2. All persons cycling to and from school must wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet, and should use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor.
3. All bicycles must be locked in the approved cycle parking area.
4. All cyclists must dismount outside the school entrance. No riding is permitted on school grounds.
5. All bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition (see below*)
6. No person is to ride on the pavement.

*Roadworthy condition

Each bicycle should be checked by parents to ensure it is in good roadworthy condition. The following checks should be carried out:

- Both front and rear brakes work effectively
- There is a rear reflector
- The tyres have sufficient tread for all conditions
- The chain is tensioned and lubricated correctly
- The saddle, handlebars and pedals are secure and adjusted for the rider
- There is a working bell
- Front and rear lights work correctly (if fitted)

The school reserves the right to revoke permission if the above conditions are ignored.

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Cycle Parking Permit

Name of pupil:

Date of birth:

Cycle make:Colour:Serial No:

My child has passed the Cyclist Proficiency Training
YES/NO

I accept the above conditions and request permission for my child to be given access to cycle parking at the school. I understand that SASM reserves the right to revoke this permit in the event that the conditions are ignored.

Signed:
(parent/carer)

Date:

Permission is given for (name of pupil) to access the cycle parking facilities at The Queen's School.

Signed: Headteacher

Date:

A COPY OF THIS PERMIT WILL BE KEPT AT SCHOOL