

School Cycling Policy

Leighton Park recognises the many positive benefits of cycling to and from school and around the school site. The school therefore looks to encourage cycling as a mode of transport in as many ways as possible.

Benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity
- An efficient way of travelling to school and around school
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing the impact on the environment

The following rules apply:

1. To ride on the school site sensibly and safely using the Highway Code as a guide
2. To generally cycle on the roads but if the pathways are used, or when around buildings, to always cycle slowly and give way to pedestrians
3. To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained
4. Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling
5. To consider wearing a cycle helmet, which is strongly encouraged by the school
6. To ensure they can be seen by other road users including pedestrians, by using bicycle lights when necessary
7. To be aware of pedestrians when cycling on site at all times
8. To use a bell or to call out as a warning when approaching pedestrians
9. To store the bicycle in an appropriate place that does not block doorways or pathways or is inappropriate in any other way
10. To not store bicycles inside buildings. For those cyclists who wish their bicycle to be stored under cover, bicycle sheds are provided

The following should be noted:

The school is not insured for bicycle theft or damage and bicycles are permitted on the school site at the owner's risk

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