

Kings Copse Primary School Cycle Policy

Kings Copse Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils, staff and parents cycling to and from school. We therefore look for ways to encourage this form of travel in our school.

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

To encourage as many pupils, staff and parents to cycle to school as we can, the school will:

- Actively promote cycling through the curriculum as a positive way of travelling
- Celebrate the achievements of those who participate in cycle training
- Provide cycle storage on the school site
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils in KS2 who wish to participate
- Encourage children to raise any issues or provide suggestions with cycling to the school through their school council representatives

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
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users (via bicycle lights/high-vis clothing)
- Dismount and walk cycles sensibly through the grounds

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

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with parents. The school accepts no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.