

Abbots Farm Junior School



Cycle / Scooter Policy

Abbots Farm Junior School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling/ scooting to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible. The decision on whether or not a student is able to cycle safely to and from school, and the ability of any adult accompanying them, rests with the student and their parent/carer.

Benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school

Role of the pupil:

1. To ride to school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code.
2. To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle/scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
3. Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
4. To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from the school site and whilst walking through the playground.
5. To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle/scooter lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
6. To use the bottom gate when entering and exiting the school site and dismount before entering the bottom gates and to walk to the bicycle/scooter storage area.
7. To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle/scooter through the playground.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians
9. To lock the bicycle/scooter securely in the bike shed, with a lock provided by the parents
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in their classrooms

Role of the school:

1. To provide Bikeability lessons in Year 6
2. To provide and maintain cycle storage area
3. To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
4. To celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
5. Abbots Farm Junior School is not responsible for bicycle/scooters brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycle/scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party. The school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycle/scooters or helmets.
6. The Head teacher will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle/scooter Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

Role of the parent:

While this school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school we strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary Cycle Proficiency training which is available in future through school and at the local leisure centre.

It is advised that you note the RoSPA advice that children **below 11 years of age** have not normally attained sufficient cognitive hazard perception skill. For children who are below the age at which on road cycling training is offered (Year 6) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school we recommend that these children must be accompanied by their parents.

Children in Years 3, 4 & 5 should therefore be accompanied by a responsible adult if travelling to school by bicycle/scooter.

Although the school provides appropriate cycle storage parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycle/scooters.

Conditions for cycling to Abbots Farm Junior School

1. To ensure the bicycle/scooter is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To fit the bicycle/scooter with a bell and a working light
3. To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to store their cycle in the cycle shed
4. To provide a named cycle helmet and encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
5. To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bicycle/scooter to the bike shed at school.
6. To note that all bicycle/scooters and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners risk

This school reserves the right to revoke a cycle permit in the event that these conditions are ignored.

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Cycling Permit

Name of Pupil.....

Date of Birth.....

Cycle Make.....Model.....

Cycle colour.....

I accept the above conditions and request permission for (my child) to cycle to school and to be given access to the available cycle parking.

I acknowledge that if my child has not undertaken the cycling proficiency training or is under 11 years of age, they will be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Signed..... Print

Name..... Parent/Guardian

Date.....

Permission Granted by Head teacher: