

# Cunningham Hill Junior School Governing Body



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# Cycling/scooter Policy

Cunningham Hill Junior School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling/scooter to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Some of the benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Children should be accompanied by a parent/carer, unless they have successfully completed a "Hertfordshire Young Cyclists Training Course" or its equivalent. (The Road Safety Office advises that no children under the age of 10 years cycles on the public highway).

The security of cycles is the responsibility of the individual and measures must be taken to protect against theft. The school accepts no responsibility for the safety of cycles or locks or helmets whilst on the school premises.

Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

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.
- Investigate a suitable route for their child's journey to/from school.

To encourage as many pupils to cycle to school as we can, **the School will:**

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Provide cycle storage on the school site.
- Provide high quality cycle training to pupils in Years 5 and 6 who wish to participate. (Hertfordshire "Young Cyclist Training" Courses are currently run in school by Hertfordshire Road Safety Dept. for Year 5/6 pupils).

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 and regularly maintained.
- Take responsibility for the security of their bicycle/helmet and lock.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- Wear a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Let parents know which route they will be using and report any problems to their parents and/or the school.
- Not ride cycles in the school grounds.

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