



## **Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School**

### **Cycling Policy**

Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School is keen to encourage walking and cycling for the journey to school to promote healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyles and to reduce the dangers of traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day.

We hope to support parents who wish their children to cycle to school whilst making clear that the journey to school is the parent's responsibility. It is the parents and the parents alone who must decide whether or not a child should cycle to school, and who should accompany them. The school will only support requests from parents of village children that have undertaken the Bike Ability training.

Cycle training is usually provided for children in the summer term for Year Five/Six, when possible.

As part of this ongoing commitment, we have introduced a 'Cycle to School' contract. So that permission to cycle to school can be given, pupils and parents/carers must read, understand and agree to the following.

Stanion C.E Primary School is not responsible for bicycles brought onto or left on the school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party.

The Headteacher will notify parents/carers if children do not adhere to the School Cycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

#### **Cycling to School Contract:**

##### **The school:**

1. Requires that each cyclist must ride a trustworthy bicycle, correctly adjusted to his/her height.
2. Recommends that each cyclist wears a correctly fitting and adjusted safety helmet which meets the relevant safety standards for a cycle helmet.
3. Recommends that each cyclist wears a high visibility jacket or tabard, and requires that a jacket or coat with reflective material is worn.
4. Requires that effective, working lights must be used when appropriate.
5. Recommends a lock for each cycle left on school grounds. (The school is not liable for property brought onto our premises, and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles, scooters etc. being stolen or damaged by a third party).

6. Recommends that whilst cycling to school, children who have not attended a cycle training course are accompanied by a responsible adult.

7. Will provide a secure storage area for a limited number of cycles.

**The Parent:**

1. Makes the final decision whether the child cycles to school.
2. Agrees to explain clearly to the child all the road safety and courtesy issues involved in cycling to school.
3. Checks that the cycle is in a roadworthy condition and is correctly adjusted to the child's size.
4. Checks that the child is wearing a correctly fitted approved cycle helmet and appropriate clothing.
5. Take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycle or equipment.
6. Provide a lock to secure their child's bicycle.
7. Decide whether a child is competent to cycle independently to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

**The Child:**

1. Agrees to cycle safely, responsibly and courteously at all times.
2. When crossing roads, dismounts and pushes the bicycle across the road. Cycling across the road is dangerous.
3. Will dismount at the school gates and walk the cycle to and from the cycle storage area.
4. To wear a correctly fitting and adjusted safety helmet.
5. Uses a lock for their bicycle.
6. Understands that dangerous or inconsiderate behaviour will mean that permission to cycle to school is withdrawn.

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Teacher

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS POLICY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE YOU START CYCLING TO SCHOOL. WE WILL SEND A SIGNED COPY HOME FOR YOUR RECORDS.