



Walhampton

## Cycling to School Policy

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Walhampton recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school and provides cycle storage on site. These guidelines are to promote the health and safety of our pupils. 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 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
- To have passed their cycling proficiency test
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained
- Have correct seat height
- Have correct handlebar height
- Have a bell that works
- To have brakes that work effectively front and rear
- To have correct air pressure in tyres
- To have working lights front and rear
- 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 properly fitting cycle helmet
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate

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
- Accompany children under the age of 10 when cycling to school as this complies with RoSPA advice
- Ensure that the bicycles 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 the parents/carer and the school has 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.