

Cycling Policy

Leighton Academy recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

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 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 lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
6. To use the designated cycle path on entry to and exit from the school site and dismount before entering the school gates. **No bikes or scooters should be ridden on the playground.**
7. To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle through the playground.
8. To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians
9. To lock the bicycle securely to the bike racks, with a lock provided by the parents
10. To safely store the cycle helmet in the class cloakroom

Role of the school

1. To provide Bikeability lessons in Y4, 5 and 6.
2. To provide and maintain cycle storage.
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. Leighton Academy is not responsible for bicycles brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party. The school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.
6. The principal will notify parents if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

Role of the parent

While this academy 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 will be available in future through school. More information on the Bikeability training syllabus is available at www.bikeability.org.uk

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 (from Year 4) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school we recommend that these children be accompanied by their parents.

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 bicycles.

Conditions for cycling to Leighton Academy

1. To ensure the bicycle is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To fit the bicycle 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 pods.
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 to the bike rack at school.
6. To note that all bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners risk.

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

Signed - 

Name – Miss S Brennand

Date – 27.04.17

Cycling Agreement

Name of Pupil - _____ Date of Birth - _____

Cycle/Scooter make - _____ Model - _____

Cycle/Scooter colour - _____ Features - _____

I accept the above conditions and request permission for _____ (my child's name) to cycle to school and to be given access to the available cycle pods.

I understand that the academy will accept no responsibility for any bikes or scooters that are not locked into the pods.

I understand that my child **must** wear a helmet if cycling to school, and **must** dismount their bike or scooter at the school gates.

I acknowledge that if my child is in Year 4 or below and cycling on the road, they will be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**LEIGHTON ACADEMY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THIS AGREEMENT
IN THE EVENT THAT THESE CONDITIONS ARE IGNORED.**

Signed - _____ Print Name - _____
Parent/Carer

Date - _____