

**St Michael's CE Primary School
Sydenham**



Bike and Scooter Policy

Agreed by the Governing Body on: June 2017

Signed (Chair): *Beryl Fielder*

Review Date:

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Rationale

St Michael's school is keen to promote healthy, environmentally friendly and safe ways for pupils to travel to and from school. The use of bicycles and scooters is an option which the school is keen to encourage provided that the pupils who use them and the wider school community are kept safe. There is therefore a need for some essential rules and guidelines which are contained in this policy.

Objectives

- To encourage St Michael's pupils and families to adopt safe practices for cycling and scooting when travelling to and from school.
- To promote an awareness among the school community of cycling and scooting as healthy activities for students and as an alternative mode of travel to and from school.
- To maintain, as far as is practicable, the safety of the wider school community.

Definitions

The term 'Bicycles' used in this policy also denotes and includes two-wheeled and other non-powered wheeled vehicles such as unicycles, tricycles and others irrespective of the number of wheels with which the vehicle is equipped, etc.

Implementation

- Parents/carers are responsible for their children's safety when riding bicycles and scooters.
- Bicycles and scooters remain the responsibility of the pupil and their parents/carers.
- All bicycles must be maintained in a roadworthy condition at all times. If a member of staff notices that the bicycle appears to be non-roadworthy or have a safety defect, then use of the bicycle must cease until the defect is remedied or the bicycle repaired to a roadworthy condition.
- Pupils must provide their own lock for securing their mode of transport in the storage area and ensure that it is used.
- Scooters and bicycles are not to be stored or brought into in the school building.
- Students are advised to wear a properly fitted helmet manufactured to the appropriate British or European Standard and encouraged to wear a safety vest/high visibility clothing when riding a bicycle or scooter.
- Students riding bicycles in the dark (i.e. after lighting-up time) should ensure that bicycles are equipped with front and rear lights to the appropriate standard.
- In line with Department for Education guidelines it is a school policy that students from Reception to Year 4 ride to school in the company of an adult. Students in Years 5 and 6 may ride to school without an adult.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles and scooters at the school entrance.
- Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time, unless under direct supervision of an appropriately trained teacher or instructor.
- Within the above context, riding to school will be promoted as healthy activities for students and as an alternative mode of travel to and from school.

Limitations

Bicycles and scooters brought on to the school's premises are the responsibility of the pupil and/or their parents(s) or carer(s). The school does not accept any liability for loss or damage of any form to bicycles or other wheeled vehicles left in the school grounds whether during the day or overnight.

Implementation, monitoring and review

The Head Teacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that parents and carers are informed of this policy.
- ensuring that all staff are familiar with the policy
- monitoring and reviewing the implementation of this policy.