

MEATH GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

POLICY FOR CYCLING



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Meath Green Junior School 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 whilst ensuring that safety measures are in place.

Some of 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 encourage as many pupils to cycle to school as we can, the School will:

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
- Provide cycle storage on the school site.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, there are certain conditions that must be adhered to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code. It is the responsibility of the parents to decide if the child is safe to cycle alone.
- All bikes must be checked regularly and be in a roadworthy condition.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling. This includes compliance with the law which states that it is illegal to cycle on the pavement.
- The Governors' policy is that correctly fitting helmets should be worn at all times when cycling on the road.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Cyclists must dismount when entering the school grounds, and at all times walk the cycle within the school grounds

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
- Ensure that the cycles 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.