



# Cycling Policy

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# Hurst Park Primary School

*Respect, Resilience, Positivity*

## Introduction

Hurst Park School recognises the many positive benefits to children and adults of cycling and scooting to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible. The school provides covered cycle/scooter storage for the benefit of those pupils who choose to travel to school using these methods.

Benefits of cycling and scooting to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity;
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness;
- Reducing congestion and pollution (including noise pollution) in the community;
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.

## Rules

- All cycles/scooters should be road-worthy and well-maintained;

- Cycles/scooters must not be ridden on school premises – anyone travelling by cycle/scooter is required to dismount at the school boundary and walk with their cycle/scooter to the covered storage shed;
- Cycles/scooters should be stored only in the cycle storage area;
- Pupils should not arrive at school before 8.40am, unless attending a club or school activity prior to this time;
- Cycles/scooters should not be left on school premises overnight without permission;
- Pupils are not permitted to return to their bicycle/scooter during the school day without permission from a member of staff.

## Minimum Standards

- Children are properly supervised whilst cycling/scooting to school\*
- Appropriate safety equipment, including helmets and high visibility/reflective clothing are to be worn;

- Cycles are locked when stored on school premises – the school is not responsible for bicycles/scooters brought onto or left on school premises and is, therefore, not liable for pupils' bicycles/scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party.

*\*RoSPA advises 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 (Year 6) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school, we recommend that these pupils are supervised by a parent/guardian.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to decide whether or not their child is safe to cycle/scoot to school.

The school reserves the right to refuse any child permission to bring their bicycle/scooter onto school premises.

For further information on safe cycling, including the legal requirements for cyclists, visit [www.bikehub.co.uk](http://www.bikehub.co.uk)

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*aim to ensure*

*respect, resilience and positivity.*