

Cycling & Scooting Policy Reviewed May 2021

Robsack Wood Primary Academy places an emphasis on the development of the whole child. We understand the importance of developing healthy citizens, who are committed to making the right choices for their own health and wellbeing.

Robsack Wood Primary Academy actively promotes healthy lifestyles as part of our curriculum and in line with this, recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling and scooting to and from the academy. We therefore look to encourage this behaviour and this choice of travel in as many ways as possible.

We believe that some of the benefits of cycling and scooting include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Can contribute to improved alertness, mood and verbal memory.
- Increased concentration due to exercise before school.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in our community.
- Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to the academy.

To encourage as many pupils to cycle and scooter to the academy as we can, the academy will:

- Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle or scooter to the academy.
- Provide storage on the academy site (bike sheds and scooter parks).
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.
- Support our pupils to understand the Highway Code to keep themselves safe.

To make cycling to and from the Academy a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the academy in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting.
- Always wear a helmet and other protective items.
- 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 or scooting.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and a cycle helmet.
- Ensure that the cycles or scooters ridden to the Academy are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from the academy safely rests with the parents/carer and the academy has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents and carers are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the academy's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles or scooters left on the site.

Policy Status and Review

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