



## **CYCLING POLICY**

Calmore Junior School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school and actively encourage this form of travel.

### **Benefits of cycling to school include:**

- Improving health through physical activity
- Establishing positive active behaviour
- Promoting the use of bicycles as a safe mode of transport
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school

### **School requirements:**

- The pupil must be in year 5/6
- They must have undertaken and passed the Bikeability Level 2 course
- The pupil must use a cycle helmet and their bike must be in a roadworthy condition
- The pupil must have a permit from school

RoSPA advise that children below 11 years of age have not normally attained sufficient cognitive hazard perception skill for cycling independently. We therefore **recommend** that children below this age should be accompanied by their parents.

If a child meets the school requirements for cycling to school then it is the parent who makes the final decision as to whether they do so and the school has no liability for the consequence of that decision. Parents are also advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

### **Role of the pupil:**

1. To ride to school sensibly and safely following the highway code.
2. To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from school
3. To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing as appropriate
4. To push their bike on the school site and to the cycle racks
5. To lock the bicycle securely in the cycle rack with a lock
6. To safely store the cycle helmet in school
7. To undertake Bikeability training and pass level 2 before cycling to school alone.

### **Role of the school:**

1. To provide Bikeability training
2. To provide cycle storage
3. To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling

### **Role of the parent:**

1. To ensure the bike is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
2. To ensure the bike has a bell, working light and a lock.
3. To ensure the child has suitable safety equipment e.g. helmet, high visibility clothing
4. To complete a Cycle Permit giving permission for the child to cycle to school alone.

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### PARENTAL AGREEMENT

As parent/guardian I give permission for my child to cycle to school. I have read the cycling policy and agree to be bound by the conditions set out within the document. I understand that if these conditions are not followed the school could refuse permission for my child to cycle to school.

I understand that :

- The pupil must have a valid permit signed by the Headteacher (this can be withdrawn at any time if a pupil disregards the Cycling Policy)
- Pupils who have passed their Level 2 Bikeability test may cycle to school unaccompanied if their parents give consent.
- All other pupils cycling to school must do so accompanied by an adult.
- All pupils cycling to school must wear a helmet and bright jacket, bike lights must be used if visibility is poor
- Pupils must enter school through the main gate and dismount outside of the gate. There must be no cycling on the school grounds.
- Cycles should be maintained in good working order
- Pupils must ensure that their bicycles are stored in the correct area and locked.
- Pupils must take responsibility for their keys and locks.
- The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to bicycles whilst on school premises.

Name of parent/guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of child \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Headteacher \_\_\_\_\_

This contract should be returned to the school office for signature by the Headteacher. A copy will be retained for our files with the original returned to parents for information.

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### Cycle Permit

Name of pupil ..... Date of birth .....

Class ..... Cycle make ..... Cycle model .....

I accept the above conditions and request permission for .....  
to cycle to school.

Signed .....(parent/guardian)                      Date .....

Signed .....(Headteacher)                      Date .....