

GREAT CHART PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 6 CYCLING POLICY

September 2024



A Great Place to Discover and Learn

Vision Statement

A respectful community where we thrive and achieve our full potential as confident life long learners

Mission Statement

Preparing for life in our ever changing world, by providing opportunities to develop core values and a love of learning

Our core value is Respect

Our termly values: Team work, Ambition, Responsibility, Resilience, Kindness & Independence

Introduction

Great Chart Primary 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.

Benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.
- Raising Self esteem

Role of the pupil:

- To ride to school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code.
- To take advantage of Bikeability cycling completing the Level 2 course.
- To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from the school site and whilst cycling to and from home.
- To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- To dismount by the village hall or pub area upon entering the school site and walk their bicycles to the storage area.
- To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling their bicycle outside and through the school site.
- To use the bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- To safely store the cycle helmet with the cycle in the cycle shelter.
- Bikes must not be left on school premises overnight.

Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the School Bicycle Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

Role of the school:

- To provide cycling training for pupils so they are ready to cycle to school in Y6.
- To provide and maintain cycle shelter storage.
- To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Great Chart Primary School is not responsible for bicycles brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party.

Cycling Policy Role of the parent:

While this school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school we strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary Bikeability Level 2 training. Although the school provides appropriate cycle storage, parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

Parental recommendations for cycling:

- To ensure that their children are aware of, and follow the safety guidelines for riding on the roads or pavement.

- To ensure that children dismount from their cycles before entering the school grounds as described above. To ensure the bicycle is in good working order, well maintained and the correct size.
- To fit the bicycle with a bell and working lights.
- To provide their child with a named cycle helmet ensuring their child wears it whilst cycling and encourage their child to wear bright and or reflective clothing on the journey.
- To note that all bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owners risk.