



CYCLE AND SCOOTER POLICY

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The Castle Rock School recognises the many positive benefits of students cycling or scootering to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Some of the benefits of cycling/scootering 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 students to cycle/scooter to school as we can, the School will:

- Provide cycle/scooter storage on the school site.

To make cycling/scootering to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our students to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle/scooter 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/scootering.
- Wearing a cycle helmet.
- 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 students, we expect parents and carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling/scootering.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles/scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle/scooter 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.

Conditions:

- The cycle/scooter storage area will be opened at 8:20am and closed at 9:00am in the morning, then opened again at 3.40pm until 5pm in the afternoon.
- Student's requiring special access should go to the Main Office. (E.G. If late, or leaving school early for an appointment)
- All students should enter and exit the school via the gate near the ball court, and then use the path to exit the field onto Meadow Lane, or via the Warren Hills exit.
- Cycling helmets and lights etc should be secured in student's lockers if they have one. Otherwise, they can be left safely in the school office.
- Cycles/Scooters may not be ridden in the school bus park/ cars area, or inside the school's inner fenced area.
- Students should not interfere with any cycles/scooters, or cycling/scootering equipment belonging to other students.