"Put your heart and soul into everything that you do."
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Cycling and Scooting Policy

Pattishall CE Primary School recognises the many positive benefits of children cycling and scooting to and from school (including scooting). We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible. We also recognise that we all want the same thing – for the children to be safe and happy. We have devised this policy in order to make it clear how we can achieve this goal together.

Benefits:

- Improving health through physical activity
- Establishing positive, active travel behaviour
- Promoting independence
- Improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion and noise pollution
- Reducing our overall community environmental impact

Role of the pupil:

- To ride sensibly, following the Highway Code.
- To take responsibility for checking their bicycle is roadworthy before riding.
- To behave in a manner that shows them and the school in the best possible light.
- To wear the correct safety gear: most importantly, a helmet.
- To be aware of other road users.
- **To dismount on entering school grounds and walk their bicycle or scooter to the bike rack**.
- To use their bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- To store their bike and helmet in the correct place.

Role of the school:

- To provide Bikeability training in Key Stage Two.
- To provide a place to store bikes and scooters.
- To actively promote cycling and scooting as a way of travelling.
- To remove the right to ride if the School Cycling policy is not adhered to.
- Pattishall CE Primary is not responsible for bicycles left on the premises and is therefore not liable for any damage sustained to a bike or scooter by a third party. Bikes and scooters are brought on to site at the owner's risk.

Role of the parent:

- We strongly recommend that children wishing to cycle to school have taken proficiency training.
- It is advised by RoSPA that children below 11 years of age have not normally attained sufficient cognitive hazard perception skills. We strongly recommend that children below this age are accompanied by an adult if cycling or scooting to school.
- To take out insurance to cover the bicycle or scooter in the event of theft or vandalism.
- To ensure that the bike or scooter is in good working order.
- To ensure that the bicycle is the correct size.
- To fit the bike with a bell and lights (in the winter months if needed).
- To provide a well-fitting helmet.
- .....To name all belongings, including the bike/scooter and helmet.
- To test the route with the child, noting and risk assessing any potential hazards.

Pattishall CE Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.