



Aviemore Primary School Cycle/Scooter Policy

Rationale:

Encouraging children to make their own way to school can help them to become more confident and independent, which is especially important in the transition from primary to secondary school. The school journey is an ideal opportunity for children to learn road safety awareness and other life skills. For many children, cycling is more fun and more sociable than going to school by car, and they love the feeling of freedom it gives them. As we are an ECO school, we feel that cycling to school is also much better for our environment too.

We have Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) who promote road safety in our school.

We recognise the many positive benefits of pupils cycling/scooter to and from school:

- ✓ 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

To encourage pupils to cycle/scooter to school we will:

- ✓ Actively promote cycling/scooter as a positive way of travelling
- ✓ Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school
- ✓ Provide cycle storage on the school site
- ✓ Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling to/from school a positive experience for everybody, we require...

P1-3 Pupils:

- ✓ Children to be carefully supervised by a parent/carer

P1-7 Pupils:

- ✓ Parents/carers to ensure that children can ride sensibly and safely
- ✓ Parents/carers to check that the bike is roadworthy and well maintained
- ✓ Parents/carers to provide the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and a cycle helmet
- ✓ Children to have a permit (renewed annually) which is signed by a parent/carer.
- ✓ Children to follow all of the safety rules on the permit
- ✓ Children to dismount at the gate and walk to the cycle racks
- ✓ (On the way home) Children to walk their cycle/scooter to the gate
- ✓ Children who need to cross Grampian Road or Dalfaber Road are encouraged to dismount and walk across, using the pelican crossings or be accompanied by an adult.

Please note:

We expect all pupils to behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling. JSRO's can alert staff to people not adhering to rules and this may be used to remove permits. Permits can be withdrawn at any time.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. However, the school remains in 'loco parentis' for a child until they are out of the school grounds. This refers to the legal responsibility of an organisation to take on some of the functions and responsibilities of a parent. For this reason, we expect all pupils to consider the needs of others when cycling. This means adhering to the rules at all times. If a child is found to have broken these rules, the school can stop a child from taking their bike/scooter home until an adult is able to come and collect it.

Cycles and scooters can be stored on school premises during school hours but must be in the designated areas. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover and to take measures to protect against theft, as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles and scooters.

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