



# HOMELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CYCLING POLICY

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### **Introduction**

At Homelands Primary School we recognise both the environmental and health benefits of cycling and wish to promote and support safe cycling to school. The school also recognises that pupils who choose to cycle to school are likely to do so at busy times of the day and that cycling on roads during peak times poses particular risks.

In line with the School's Health & Safety policy and that of Torbay Council, this document sets out Homelands Primary School's policy, roles and responsibilities and practices related to cycling to school. It seeks to ensure that the risks associated with this activity are managed through reducing those risks to a minimum or by eliminating the risks where possible. In producing this policy and guidance, the Governors have consulted with parents, the Torbay Health & Safety Team and Torbay Road Safety Team.

### **Policy**

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 advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

The school requirements are

- The pupil must be in Year 6.
- They must have undertaken the appropriate Bikeability Course (the school arranges these during Y5).
- The pupil must use a cycle helmet and their bike must be in a roadworthy condition.
- There must be cycle storage available.
- The pupil must have a permit from school.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **The school will**

1. Provide a Bikeability Course for Y5 pupils. Bikeability training is recognised at the National Cycle Training Standard and instructors have been trained and accredited to this standard.
2. Provide cycle and cycle clothing storage.
3. Promote the health benefits of cycling.
4. Provide school permits to appropriate pupils
5. Monitor accidents/ incidents related to cycling to school through its Accident Reporting procedure so that appropriate revisions are made to this policy and guidance if needed.

#### **The parent will**

1. Ensure their child has suitable safety equipment for cycling to school e.g. helmet, high visibility clothing
2. Ensure their child's bike is roadworthy.
3. Assist their child in inspecting their child's bike and cycle clothing for damage or faults and ensuring that any found are repaired.
4. Ensure that any accident or incident related to their child cycling to school is reported to the school.
5. The parents will ensure that their child arrives at school by 8.30am to avoid the busy traffic at normal arrival times.

#### **The pupil will**

1. Wear their cycle helmet correctly
2. Ensure they ride sensibly and safely
3. Dismount from their bicycle when entering school grounds and wheel it to the storage area.
4. Lock their bicycle securely and store their cycle helmet in the correct place.
5. Be aware of pedestrians and not cycle on pavements.

**CYCLING PERMIT**

Name of pupil.....D.O.B.....

Cycle make.....Model.....

Serial Number.....

Cycle colour.....Features.....

I have read the cycling policy and the roles and responsibilities listed in it. I undertake to ensure the requirements of the school for issuing a permit are adhered to.

Signed.....Date.....

Parent name.....

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

On behalf of Homelands Primary School

N.B. Parents should note the responsibility for assessing their child’s capability to cycle to school lies with them, the parents.