



Cycling Policy

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SILVERDALE CYCLING POLICY

- (1) A number of students cycle to school and we encourage you to do so providing you are sensible, safe and comply with school rules. As well as walking it is another way of taking daily exercise to contribute to health and wellbeing.

We recommend the following:

- The bike is the right size and well maintained.
- Lights are essential at night (a concern as the clocks change)
- Use of a cycle lock
- Marking the frame with a postcode
- Wearing a correctly fitting helmet
- Reflective clothing can make you safer, at night and on foggy days.
- If available use special cycle routes/lanes.
- Remember distractions cause accidents.

We expect the following:

- Pupils shall not ride bikes within the school gates.
- Pupils should not bring bikes on site with no brakes.

(2) Security

- Once the new school is built we will endeavour to provide a secure place for cycle storage, however, cycles are brought onto the school site at the owner's risk.
- For insurance purposes we advise the use of an appropriate data tag / postcode notification on the bike.

(3) Cycling and the Law

- Be considerate of other road users, and obey the Highway Code, particularly blind and partially sighted pedestrians. Let them know you are there when necessary, for example, by ringing your bell.
- Cyclists are not allowed to carry passengers unless their cycles have been built or adapted to carry passengers.
- Cyclists must not hold on to a moving vehicle or trailer; ride in a dangerous, careless or inconsiderate manner; or ride when under the influence of drink or drugs.
- The police can prosecute cyclists who ride dangerously, carelessly, ignore traffic signs or signals, cycle on the pavement or commit any other road traffic offence. These offences carry maximum fines between £500 and £2,500. Also, £30 fixed penalty notices can be issued for cycling on the pavement, by police and community wardens.
- Bikes ridden at night need front and rear lights, flashing and steady.
- At night a bicycle must also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 01.10.85).

(4) Support

- Cycling lessons will be offered through the Road Safety team.
- The South Yorkshire Police Sharrow Safer Neighbourhood Team offer advice on safe cycling (0114 2963187)

Useful Websites on safe cycling include:

www.livingstreets.org.uk

www.kerbcrafts.org.uk

www.walktoschool.org.uk

www.bikeweek.org.uk

www.bikeforall.net