

This policy links to Behaviour and Safeguarding.

Welling School recognises the many positive benefits of students cycling to and from school.

We therefore look to encourage this form of travel in as many ways as possible.

Some of the benefits of cycling to school include:

- improving health through physical activity;
- establishing positive active travel behaviour;
- promoting independence and improving safety awareness;
- reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community;
- reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To make cycling 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 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;
- ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate;
- wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet;
- dismount outside the school entrance; no riding is permitted within the school grounds.

For the well-being of our students, we expect parents / carers to:

- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling;
- provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet and ensure that their child uses all of these when they ride their bicycle;
- ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents / carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

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

Should the school witness your child demonstrating unsafe behaviour on their bicycle, we will contact home and advise parents / carers accordingly.

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**The school reserves the right to revoke permission if the above conditions are ignored**

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