



# WITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CYCLING GUIDELINES

Dear All,

We are sure that you are all aware of the dangers that are present on our roads today and we wish to do everything we can to minimise the danger to our children when cycling or scooting to school. Whilst the responsibility of the children cycling to school lies with the parents/carers, we are stipulating that the following safety guidelines must be adhered to when travelling to and from school.

A cycling/scooter permit can be issued by the school only if the following guidelines are adopted:

1. A pupil may only bring a cycle/scooter to school when a permit has been granted by the school.
2. The pupil's permit can be withdrawn at any time if a pupil disregards the guidelines.
3. Priority will be given to pupils who have attended the Bikeability cycle training scheme, available through the school.
4. Pupils are expected to maintain their bicycles in good working order. Checks may be carried out at any time. Only safe and legal bicycles/scooters can be used. Members of staff are not permitted to repair or adjust bicycles.
5. As 70% of cycling fatalities occur as a result of head injuries, **ALL children cycling/scooting to school MUST wear a properly fitted and approved helmet.** It is also recommended that pupils wear bright clothing or a reflective band over their uniform.
6. All cyclists and scooter users **must** dismount whilst on school premises.
7. The security of bicycles/scooters is the responsibility of the individual, and measures should be taken to protect against theft (a secure lock is essential). The school is unable to take responsibility for the bicycles/scooters on the premises, but these will be parked out of sight from passers-by. Stands are provided.
8. Personal Accident Insurance is not provided by the County Council and you will need to arrange such cover privately if you so wish. The school cannot take responsibility for any accident or injury incurred whilst children are cycling/scooting to and from school.

**If you are in full agreement with the above, then please sign and return this letter.**

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to cycle/or ride their scooter to school, and accept the conditions detailed above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## WITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CYCLING PERMIT

(TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL LEADERS AND RETURNED TO PARENTS/CARERS)

I give permission for your child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to cycle/ride a scooter to school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Senior Leadership Team) Date: \_\_\_\_\_