

Emmbrook Junior School



CYCLE/SCOOTER TO SCHOOL POLICY

Responsibility of: Finance, Community and Premises (FCP) Committee

Date of Policy: January 2017

Date of Review: January 2019

2014 Mission Statement

The Emmbrook Junior School community works together to further develop each child's abilities by creating a nurturing and motivating environment for learning. Each child's self-confidence will be strengthened so they make good academic progress whilst gaining increasing resilience and respect for the community.

Emmbrook Junior School is keen to encourage walking and cycling to school to promote healthy lifestyles and reduce carbon emissions.

It is the responsibility of parents/ carers to ensure that their children travel between home and school safely. The school cannot take responsibility for the safety of children outside school (except on organised school visits) and the decision as to whether or not a pupil is able to cycle safely to and from school, and the ability of any adult accompanying them, rests with the parent/carer.

Our advice is that it is not advisable for younger children to cycle on their own and that it is preferable that any child cycling to school has satisfactorily completed a cycling proficiency test.

The school pathways are very busy at the start and finish of the day and to prevent accidents it is not permitted to ride cycles or scoot scooters on the school site except during Cycling Proficiency training.

Year 6 pupils participating in the National Cycle Proficiency training programme may bring their cycles to school for that purpose. Even in these circumstances, pupils should dismount and "walk" their cycles whilst on school premises - cycles must not be ridden (except during Cycle Proficiency training).

Pupils must park and secure their cycle/scooter in a designated area in the school. Although the school premises are secured, Emmbrook Junior School cannot accept liability for property brought onto their premises and this includes pupils' cycles/scooters being stolen or damaged by a third party. A notice to this effect is displayed on the cycle shed. The parents/carers are responsible for insuring their children's cycles/scooters.

Cycles ridden to school should be fully roadworthy and properly maintained. The school reserves the right to refuse permission for any pupil to store their cycle or scooter in the school cycle rack if their cycle is not roadworthy or if their behaviour whilst riding to school causes concern or danger to pedestrians or other road users.

Cycle helmets must be worn at all times when riding a cycle and pupils should be encouraged to wear bright conspicuous clothing.

The school does need to be informed if a pupil will be bringing a cycle onto the school premises; the attached form must be completed and signed.

Scooters and younger siblings

The school does recognise that parents or carers bringing children to school or collecting them from school may bring younger siblings with them and that it may be convenient for the siblings to bring scooters.

Where a scooter is brought to school, it may be brought onto the premises but must not be scooted on the premises and remains the responsibility of the parent or carer at all times. This is for safety reasons.

Approved by Governing Body

Chair of Governors

Date 26.01.2017

Head Teacher

Date 26.01.2017

Application to Cycle to School.

Name _____

Class _____

I agree to abide by the following guidelines:

- I will not ride my cycle on the school premises.
- I will always wear a helmet when cycling.
- I will lock my cycle securely in the cycle shed.

My parents agree that I can cycle to school and I wish to store the cycle in the school cycle shed.

Signed: _____ (pupil's name)

Signed: _____ (parent's name)

Date: _____