

# ETONBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Etonbury Middle School Cycle Parking Permit

### Cycling to School - Important Notice to Parents

While this school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling to school we strongly recommend that pupils wishing to cycle to school have undertaken the necessary training through approved 'bikeability' courses either - arranged through this school or elsewhere in the area.

The final decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves on the route from home to school and back must be yours and yours alone. It is advised that you note the RoSPA advice that children below 10 years of age have not normally attained sufficient cognitive hazard perception skill. The school does not accept liability for any consequences of that decision.

For children who are below the age at which on road cycling training is offered (**year 5**) or who have not undertaken the necessary training and still wish to cycle to school we recommend that these children must be accompanied by their parents.

This school supports pupils who wish to walk or cycle to school since it improves their health and fitness, reduces traffic outside the school making conditions safer for everyone and benefits their general development. If you wish your son/daughter to cycle to school, would you please complete the form below as a commitment to our school policy and also so that we can monitor the numbers of children cycling to school even on an irregular basis.

Although the school provides appropriate cycle storage parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to cycles.

### Cycle Helmets

Pupils are strongly advised to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor.

### Conditions for Cycling to School

1. All bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition.
2. Cyclists must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code.
3. It is recommended that approved cycle training be undertaken, where available.
4. All bicycles must be locked securely in the approved cycle parking area.
5. Cyclists must dismount when entering the school grounds, and at all times walk the cycle within school grounds.
6. This school reserves the right to revoke this permit in the event that these conditions are ignored.



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## Cycling Policy

Date: 1st May 2009

Review Date: 30th April 2010

Etonbury Middle School supports those pupils who wish to walk and cycle to school as it

- Improves pupil health and fitness. Reduces traffic outside the school
- Provides a safer environment for all.
- Travelling to school by encouraging responsibility for self and others.

### Pupil safety on the school journey

Safety is the responsibility of the parent or guardian whilst the pupil is travelling to school. Where walking bus scheme or escorted bike schemes operate the liability is covered through the county's own liability insurance.

### Arrangement for Bicycles on the school premises

Etonbury Middle School does provide an area for storage of bicycles on the premises but cannot be held liable for pupil's cycles being stolen and/or damage whilst on school premises. Pupils dismount at the school gate and walk their bikes to the storage area. At the end of the school day pupils collect their bikes from the storage area and walk their bike through the school gate.

### Helmets and Safety

Pupils who travel to school by bike are recommended to have attended and passed an approved bikeability course either arranged through the school or elsewhere in the area.

Those children in Year 5 who wish to travel to school may do so only if accompanied by their parents.

All pupils who wish to use the school storage facility must have signed permission from their parents even if they do not intend travelling by bike every day.

All pupils who travel by bike are strongly encouraged and expected to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet.

In poor visibility especially during winter months, lights, reflective, strips and clothing are encouraged so that the cyclist is visible to other road users.

All pupils in the school are reminded of road safety every year by invited visitors and curriculum work.

### Training

The school actively encourages Road Safety Training by working in conjunction with and arranging Bikeability Course locally (Trainers availability permitting)

The school endeavours to take into account the views of those who travel to school by bike and review procedures, training and storage facilities on an annual basis to encourage and improve safely whilst travelling to/from school for all our pupils.

For those children in Year 5 we recommend that they do not cycle to school unless accompanied by their parents.

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12<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please find attached information about Etonbury Middle School Cycle Permit and a copy of our Cycling Policy as outlined in our School's Travel Action Plan and as part of our working towards Healthy Schools Status.

We are hoping to provide lockable cycle facilities and cycle helmet storage in the near future. We will update you on these improvements to our existing facilities in the forth coming months.

We hope you will find the information both informative and useful. We would be grateful if you would return the tear off slip in respect of your child.

Yours sincerely

L Bircher  
Assistant Headteacher

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Return to Mrs L Bircher

Name of Pupil: ..... Date of Birth: ..... Form:.....

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

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

I attended Road Safety (Bikeability) training in month ..... Year .....

I accept the above conditions and request permission for .....  
(my child) to cycle to school and to be given access to the available cycle parking.

I would like my child (Year 6 +) ..... Form .....  
to attend a 'Bikeability' course in the Summer 2010 term.

Signed ..... Date: .....  
Parent/Guardian

