

Etonbury Middle School Cycling Policy

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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.