

THE QUEENSWELL FEDERATION

CYCLING & SCOOTERS POLICY

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Rationale

The Queenswell Federation actively encourages a healthy lifestyle. As part of this, the school has developed a travel plan which has recognised that cycling/ scootering to school has benefits to the individual & community. The policy outlines the expectations for children cycling to school.

The Federation supports pupils who wish to walk, cycle or scooter to school since it improves their health & fitness, reduces traffic outside the school, making conditions safer for everyone and benefits their general development.

Equalities

At The Queenswell Federation, we believe it is the right of all pupils, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, physical ability or linguistic, cultural or home background to have access to high quality learning experiences in stimulating and supporting environment where prejudice and stereotyping are challenged. Therefore, all of our pupils will have the opportunity to cycle to school, should they meet the given criteria.

We are strongly committed to positive action to remove and challenge discrimination in all aspects of the Federation and its work.

Liability For Bicycles On The School Premises

The Queenswell Federation is not responsible for cycles/scooters stored on the premises and therefore not liable for cycles damaged or stolen by a third party. It is up to the individual pupil/parent to ensure that cycles/scooters are securely stored in the designated area. Parents/carers are advised to take out appropriate insurance for loss or damage to cycles/ scooters, as the school's insurance does not cover this.

Pupil Safety On The School Journey

The school is only responsible for safety on the school journey where the school has specifically arranged transport – therefore the school is not responsible for the safety of children who cycle/scooter to school. The school cannot legally prohibit cycling/scootering for the school journey, but can refuse cycles/scooters on to school grounds if it feels that the conditions for cycling/scootering have not been met. Children should be accompanied by an adult for the duration of their journey unless they are in years 5 or 6 have received cycle training. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide appropriate safety clothing.

Additional Guidance

- A pupil may only bring a cycle/ scooter on to school premises at the permission of the Head Of School. All cyclists/ those who scooter should dismount when entering school premises.

- Cyclists/ those who scooter, if not accompanied by their parent/carer, should have completed a Cycling Proficiency Training or equivalent
- Cyclists/ those who scooter are expected to maintain their cycles/ scooters in good working order. Checks may be carried out at anytime.
- A helmet should be worn when cycling, which meets current safety regulations.
- Cyclists/ those who scooter should be encouraged to wear bright and conspicuous clothing.
- The security of cycles/scooters is the responsibility of the individual and measures must be taken to protect against theft. The school accepts no responsibility for the safety of the cycle/ scooter whilst on school premises.
- Cycles and scooters must be kept in the storage units provided and not brought into the school building or left outside classroom doors.

Training

The school actively promotes children to attend a Cycling Proficiency Training which is open to pupils throughout Key Stage 2. Children who have not completed the training should be accompanied by an adult for the duration of their journey.

Maintenance

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers of a child to ensure the cycle/ scooter is safe & roadworthy.