



Oakington Cof E (A) Primary School

Walking to School and Cycling Policy

Oakington School encourages pupils, staff and all other visitors to the site to walk or cycle to and from school if at all possible. We encourage pupils and visitors who drive from outside the village to "Park & Stride".

Cycling and walking to school improve health and fitness, reduce congestion and pollution in the village, and are good for the environment. They establish positive active travel behaviours, and cycling in particular improves safety awareness and gives older children independence.

CYCLING

We are a Sustrans "Bike It" school, and actively encourage cycling.

The school will:

- provide secure cycle storage (two shelters in the playground, one in the car park)
- provide cycle training: on-playground cycle training at least once a year particularly for pupils up to Year 4, and annual on-road Bikeability training for Year 5/6 pupils. The School aims to provide these training opportunities free to parents
- actively encourage, promote and reward cycling.

Parents/carers are expected to:

- ensure their child's bike is roadworthy and regularly maintained, and fitted with lights if riding in dusk or dark
- provide if possible a cycle helmet - helmets are recommended for the school journey and must be worn during cycle training (unless signed permission from the parent/carer for the child to train without one is given)
- provide written permission if their child cycles alone to or from school, and help their child plan a safe route. (Class 4 children only.)

Pupils are expected to:

- cycle safely and sensibly, considering others
- dismount and wheel their bike once on the school site - no cycling on the playground
- (with help from parents/carers) be responsible for leaving their bike safely in the cycle shed - helmets should be kept in the lockers provided and not taken into school. (Bikes and helmets left in the cycle shed in the school car park should be locked.)

Note: The school cannot accept any responsibility for the safety of bikes being stored, which are not covered by the school's insurance. The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from

school safety rests with the parent/carer and the school has no liability for the consequences of that decision.

WALKING

The school will:

- encourage families and others accessing the site to walk to school rather than driving if at all possible
- cover road safety issues in PSHE lessons and elsewhere in the curriculum.

Parents/carers must:

- provide written permission if their child walks alone to or from school, and help their child plan a safe route. (Class 4 children only.)

PARK & STRIDE

This scheme is for families and other visitors to the site who live outside Oakington and Westwick and do not cycle or use the bus, and so travel to school by car. Cars are parked in the Pavilion car park (or at a friend's house in the village), NOT on Water Lane or High Street, and families "stride" round the corner to school. The benefits are reduced congestion due to cars parked on roads near school, and that children get some physical activity in the school journey.

The school will:

- actively encourage Park & Stride.

For more information and a background to this policy, please see the School Travel Plan.

This policy has been ratified by the Governing Body on.....

It will be reviewed on.....

Signed:

Chair of Governors.....

Headteacher.....

Date.....