

PARENTAL REQUEST FOR A CHILD TO CYCLE TO SCHOOL

Cycling to School

Nationally children are being encouraged to walk or cycle to school to both improve their fitness and to reduce traffic levels associated with the “school run”. Norton Canes High School is supporting this initiative with a modern cycle storage facility on-site for use by students who have permission from parents. The facility will be locked during the school day.

As parents you have to decide if your child can safely negotiate the hazards that occur when cycling to and from home to school. The school does not accept liability for any consequences of that decision. In addition, parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover, as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to cycles.

Cycling Safety

There are risks associated with all modes of transport, but these can be greatly reduced by simple safety measures. Pupils are advised to

- Wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet (lockers are available in the storage area to leave helmets during the school day).
- Use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor.
- Have undergone appropriate training in cycle maintenance and safe cycling (courses will be run by the Road Safety Unit if there is demand for this).
- Have a suitable device to secure the cycle to the rails within the storage area.

Conditions for Cycling to School

1. All bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition.
2. Students may only cycle to school if they have registered with school.
3. They must cycle to school regularly.
4. Cycles must be kept in the storage area throughout the day unless there are exceptional circumstances e.g. dental appointment. Cycles are not accessible at lunchtime.
5. Cyclists must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code.
6. Cyclists must enter and leave by their designated entrance and cycles must not be ridden on school site.
7. Students must store their cycle in the individual area designated to them.
8. School reserves the right disallow use in the event that these conditions are not met.

If you wish your son or daughter to cycle to school, please complete the attached form and return it to school. Only students who have a completed, signed form may bring cycles to school.

Request for Permission to cycle to school.

Name of Student ----- Tutor Group -----

Make of Cycle ----- Colour -----

Other features -----

Serial number ----- (See Below)

I accept the conditions for cycling to school and request permission for the above student..

Name of Adult with parental responsibility

Signed -----

Date -----