



## Cycling to School Procedure

St Ann's Catholic Primary School is committed to promoting healthy, active, and sustainable travel. We encourage our children to cycle to school as it improves physical fitness, fosters independence, and reduces traffic congestion.

### Requirements for Children

To ensure the safety of our children, the following rules apply:

- **Safety Gear:** All pupils cycling to school must wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet.
- **Bike Maintenance:** Parents are responsible for ensuring the bicycle is in safe, roadworthy condition (working brakes, inflated tires, and reflectors). Cycle North have guidance on '[checking your child's bike](#)'
- **Visibility:** During winter months or dull weather, children should wear high-visibility vests or attachments and ensure their bike has functioning lights.
- **Conduct:** Pupils must cycle sensibly and show respect for pedestrians and other road users at all times.

### Parental Responsibilities

While we encourage cycling, the decision to allow a child to cycle to school rests solely with the parents or carer.

- **Supervision:** We strongly recommend that primary-aged children are accompanied by an adult, although children in Year 5 and 6, parents may deem their child as capable of cycle independently.
- **Training:** We encourage parents to enrol their children in Bikeability (Level 1 and 2) training to ensure they have the necessary road skills. Visit [Cycle North](#) to find out more about these lessons
- **Insurance:** The school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to personal bicycles.

### School Facilities

- **Security:** It is advised that bicycles are secured with a robust lock. The school cannot take responsibility for bikes left on the premises.
- **Storage area:** Bikes can be stored in the area to the left of the main entrance. A new bicycle storage facility will be installed Summer 2026 term in the KS2 playground.
- **On-Site Safety:** For the safety of everyone, pupils must dismount at the school gate and walk their bicycles to the storage area. Riding on school playgrounds or footpaths is strictly prohibited.

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