

# Halewood Academy



## Cycling to School Policy

Policy adopted : November 2017

To be reviewed: Every 2 years

Halewood Academy recognises the many positive benefits of cycling to and from school. We, therefore, look to encourage this form of travel in as many ways as possible. We are keen to encourage walking and cycling for the school journey to promote health and environmentally friendly lifestyles and to reduce the dangers of traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day.

Some of the benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everyone concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code ([www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk](http://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk)).
- Enter the school site via the one-way entrance roadway and leave via the exit gate at the end of the school day. ***Please note that it is illegal to cycle on pavements.***
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- **Always** wear a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Have and use a lock for their bicycle.

For the wellbeing of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- Make the decision as to whether their child cycles to school, as we feel that parents are the best judge of their child's ability and responsibility. We recommend that you accompany your child to school if they have not attended a cycle awareness course.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate. A bicycle lock should also be provided.
- Ensure that the bicycles ridden to and from school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

***Please note: The school is not liable for property brought onto our premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for bicycles.***

