**EXAMPLE CYCLING POLICY**

XXX School is keen to encourage walking and cycling for the school journey to promote healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyles and to reduce the dangers of traffic congestion at the start and end of the schools day.

We hope to support parents who wish their children to cycle to school whilst making clear that **the journey to school is the parents’ responsibility. It is the parents and the parents alone who must decide whether or not a child should cycle to school, and who should accompany them.**

As part of this ongoing commitment, we have introduced a ‘Cycle to School’ contract. So that permission to cycle to school can be given, pupils and parents/guardians must read, understand and agree the following.

**Cycling to School Contract**

**The School:**

1. Recommends that each cyclist must ride a roadworthy bicycle, correctly adjusted to his/her height.
2. Recommends that each cyclist must wear a correctly fitting and adjusted safety helmet which meets the relevant safety standards for a cycle helmet.
3. Recommends that each cyclist must wear suitable safety aids and high visibility jacket or tabard, ideally with reflective material on it as well.
4. Recommends that effective, working lights must be used when appropriate
5. Recommends a lock for each cycle left on school grounds. (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.)
6. Recommends that whilst cycling to school, children who have not attended a Cycle Awareness course are accompanied by a responsible adult.
7. Will aim to provide secure storage for cycling helmets and accessories as well as a cycle storage area.

**The parent:**

1. Makes the decision whether the child cycles to school. We do not wish to place an age requirement on cycling, as we feel that parents are the best judge of their child’s ability and responsibility.
2. Agrees to explain clearly to the child all the road safety and courtesy issues involved in cycling to school.
3. Checks that the cycle is in a roadworthy condition and is correctly adjusted to the child’s size.
4. Ensures that the child is wearing a correctly fitted approved cycle helmet and appropriate clothing.

**The child:**

1. Agrees to cycle safely, responsibly and courteously at all times.
2. Will not ride on pavements as this is illegal.
3. When crossing roads, dismounts and pushes the bicycle across the road. Cycling across the road is dangerous.
4. Will dismount at the school gate and walk the cycle to and from the cycle storage area.
5. Must wear a correctly fitting and adjusted safety helmet.
6. Has and uses a lock for their bicycle.
7. Understands that dangerous or inconsiderate behaviour will mean that permission to cycle to school is withdrawn.

Signed:

Headteacher Date

Signed:

Parent Date

Signed:

Pupil Date