

Oasis Academy: Enfield

CYCLING POLICY

Oasis Academy recognises the positive benefits of students and staff cycling to and from the Academy on a daily basis.

Benefits of cycling include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establish positive active travel behaviours.
- Promote independence and the importance of road safety awareness.
- Reduce congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reduce the environmental impact of the journey to the Academy.

1. The Role of the Parent/Carer

While the Academy wishes to encourage an increase in the number of students cycling to school the responsibility of student safety on this journey lies with the parent/carers.

Parents and Carers should:

- Reinforce the importance of road safety issues and the Highway Code.
- Encourage your child to wear a safety helmet.
- Provide them with visible clothing and suitable bike lights so that they can be clearly seen whilst cycling to other road users and pedestrians.
- Check the bike regularly for roadworthiness to ensure that it is safe for your child to ride on the road.
- To provide a sturdy lock to secure the bike once in the storage area (please note, although the storage area is secure we can not accept any responsibility for bicycles that are stolen or damaged by a third party).

2. The Role of the Student

2.1 Expectations:

- Ride sensibly and safely using the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking your bike to ensure that it is roadworthy.
- Consider the needs of others whilst cycling (other road users and pedestrians).

- Ensure that you can be seen by other road users by using bicycle lights and by wearing high visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- To dismount from your bike upon entering the Academy site, and walk your bicycle to the storage area.
- To lock the bicycle securely to the bike racks with a sturdy lock that has been provided by your parents/carers.
- When bike lights are used, they should be removed and stored in your locker until the end of the Academy day.

2.2 Student Behaviour

If a student is seen riding to the Academy inappropriately, permission to use the Academy cycle parking facilities at the Academy will be temporarily withdrawn.

Inappropriate behaviour may include:

- Riding with 2 persons on a bike.
- Holding or carrying objects on handlebars.
- Riding too fast.
- Inappropriate use of brakes.
- Cycling on the Academy site.
- Causing danger to other road users and/or pedestrians.

3. The Role of the Academy

- Provide opportunities for cycle training through the 3E's and Extended Activity Programmes.
- Provide opportunities for students to receive bike maintenance checks to ensure they are cycling on bikes that are safe and roadworthy.
- Provide and maintain suitable cycle storage that is secure (we currently have a temporary storage area that is secure and out of bounds for students during Academy hours).
- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Learning Guides and Learning Guide Leaders will notify parents/carers if students do not adhere to the Academy Cycling Policy. In these instances the student will be asked to not bring their bicycle onto the Academy Site until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

4. Staff

We would actively encourage staff to regularly cycle to work. As a result staff have been allocated suitable changing and showering facilities should they wish to use them. Their bicycles should be secured in the same way as students and stored within the secure cycle storage area.

Staff should remember when cycling into work that they are role models to both our students and the community and as a result should promote cyclist safety and demonstrate the use of the Highway Code at all times.

5. Liability for Bicycles on the Academy Premises

Oasis Academy is not liable for property that is brought onto their premises, and are therefore not liable for students bicycles being stolen or damaged, whilst they are being stored, by a third party.

The Academy will ensure that students and parents are reminded of this through the Academy website, newsletters and signage on the cycle storage facility.

We will of course take every measure to ensure that cycle storage is secure during Academy hours.