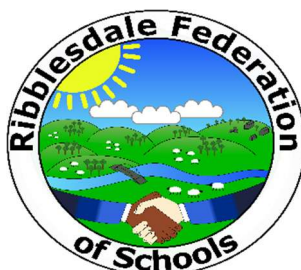


The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools

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RFS Bicycle & Scooter Policy

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Executive Headteacher	C. Maddocks	Chair of Governors	
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At The Ribblesdale Federation, we recognise both the environmental and health benefits of cycling to school and wish to promote safe cycling to school. Cycling gives children freedom as it provides an opportunity for independent travel. The Federation encourages cycling as a safe and affordable means of getting to and from school with minimal impact on the environment. Parents are responsible for the safe transport of children to and from school. We strongly recommend that children who cycle to school are accompanied by an adult, until such time as the parent is confident the child has the knowledge and skills to be allowed to cycle unsupervised.

Our Federation promotes cycling in the following ways:

- All pupils are encouraged to undertake cycle training if they have not already done so. Bikeability courses are available for all pupils in Years 5 & 6. The school arranges for the Council to run courses at the school
- As part of the curriculum on health, safety, environment and welfare.

All pupils are encouraged to:

- Provide and be responsible for their own bicycle/scooter and lock.
- Wear clothes that are visible to other road users.
- All pupils are expected to wear a helmet.
- Investigate a suitable cycle route for their journey to and from school.
- Let parents/guardians know the route they will be using.

Electric bikes and scooters must not be brought into school by pupils or adults. Electric bikes and scooters are not permitted for travel to school due to safety concerns, particularly on busy roads and around the school site.

For safety reasons we ask that you do not scoot/cycle on school grounds therefore

- Dismount on arrival near to the school perimeter/gate.

In order to help with this policy the school provides a safe place for bikes to be stored.

(Pupils/parents/guardians are responsible for the locks for the bike).

Any issues regarding pupils cycling/scooter to and from school are to be raised with the Executive Headteacher.

Guidance

Partnership with parents and a clear understanding of responsibilities will help to support safe cycling/scooting. While the school provides a cycle and scooter storage area and cycle training for older children, the decision to allow a child to cycle to school rests with parents. At The Ribblesdale Federation we encourage children to cycle or come on their scooters to school with correct supervision and in a safe manner. To support this, we highly recommend only Year 5 & 6 children, who have passed their Bikeability training, to cycle or scooter unsupervised to and from school. Children in other year groups must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Storage

The cycle and scooter racks are available on school premises for those with cycle/scooter permits. We recommend that all cycles and scooters are securely locked to a stand.

Maintenance checks

Cycles ridden to school should be fully roadworthy and properly maintained. Regular checks should include:

1. Both brakes working
2. Tyres pumped up, and wheels not wobbling sideways
3. Handlebars and saddle straight and tight
4. Front and rear reflectors and wheel reflectors
5. Both lights working

Safety

We insist that all children wear helmets when cycling/scooting. These should fit well and conform to current British standards. We also recommend the use of high visibility garments such as jackets or tabards. Lights should be in good working order.

Bicycle and Scooter Storage on School Premises

Aims

1. To encourage environmentally sustainable transport to school and children's fitness, bicycle and scooter storage spaces are located in the main playground where pupil's bicycles and scooters can be locked to storage brackets.

Expectations & Procedures

2. Children who cycle/scoot to school should always wear a suitable safety helmet while riding their bicycle and their bicycle will be roadworthy and in good working order; brakes and steering are sound.
3. Children who ride their bicycles to school will be familiar with basic "Highway Code," road regulations (e.g. is it illegal to cycle on the pavement) and are always mindful of pedestrians and whenever possible receive cycling training e.g. Bikeability

Children need to dismount when entering onto school premises

Parental Agreement and Understanding

1. Parents/carers understand that any property (e.g. bicycles/scooters/helmets etc.) stored in the bicycle area are left entirely at the owners risk and the school is not in any way responsible for the security and safe keeping of the property.
2. Parents/carers understand that the school is not liable in any way for any injury or damage caused either on the journey to or from school while riding a bicycle or scooter.
3. Parents/carers must complete the **Consent for Bicycles and Scooters in School Form** prior to their child/children cycling or scooting to school.