

CYCLING TO SCHOOL – IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

At Outwood Academy Bydales we are encouraged by the large number of students that cycle to school. However, the decision as to whether a child is competent to negotiate the route from home to school and back must be that of the parent. The academy does not accept liability for any consequences of such a decision.

The academy strongly supports students who wish to walk or cycle to school since it improves health and fitness, reduces traffic in and around school and thus makes conditions safer for everyone. It is important that we know the numbers cycling to school, even on an irregular basis so we can make appropriate security and safety arrangements. We are also aiming to increase the amount of cycle storage at the academy. If you wish your child to cycle to school, please complete and return the form below, as soon as possible.

Parents are advised to take out their own appropriate insurance cover as the academy's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles, including when stored at the academy.

Cycle Helmets - Students are advised to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor.

Conditions for Cycling to School

- **Students must not cycle on pavements on the way to school, in an inconsiderate or unsafe way, or a C4 will be issued.**
- All bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition, and cycled responsibly.
- Cyclists must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code, using cycle paths where available.
- Students must walk their bikes from the school gate to the student entrance.
- All bicycles must be locked securely in the approved cycle parking area.

Outwood Academy Bydales reserves the right to revoke this permit should these conditions be ignored. This could be for a period of time, or permanently if there are ongoing safety concerns.

Cycle Permit Card

A Cycle Permit photocard will be issued to your child, to confirm you have signed this agreement. Afterwards, your child should carry this card when cycling to school, or a C4a detention will be issued.

Name of student: VMG: **to be allocated** Year: **6 into 7**

Cycle Serial no. Lock serial no

Cycle Make Model

Cycle Colour Features

I accept the above conditions and request permission for my child to be given access to cycle parking at the school. I will ensure my child carries his/her cycle permit photocard when at school.

Name (Parent) _____ Date _____

Signed (Parent) _____ Signed (Student) _____