

# Oakbank School



Dear Parents & Carers

## Important notice to Parents - Cycling to School & School Cycle Permits

At Oakbank we wish to encourage an increasing number of children to ride a bicycle to school. However, the final decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate road and traffic hazards on the route from home to school and back, must be yours and the school cannot accept any liability for any consequences of that decision.

While the school is pleased to provide sheltered bike stores, please note that neither the school nor the Trust hold insurance to cover any loss or damage. Therefore bikes and accessories left on school premises will be entirely at the owner's risk. The school recommends that bikes are securely padlocked and that parents/carers regularly check the roadworthiness of the bike and that the cycle helmet is correctly fitted.

We support students who wish to walk or ride a cycle to and from school since it improves their health and fitness and reduces traffic outside the school gates making conditions safer for everyone. If you wish your child to commence or continue to ride a cycle to school (even on an occasional basis) it is necessary for you to apply for a Cycle Permit.

Please complete the form attached as a commitment to the Conditions for cycling to school, detailed below:

### Conditions for cycling to school - Students who cycle to and from school **MUST**:

1. Wear a cycle helmet, properly fitted, including chin strap fastened.
2. Ensure the bike/scooter is roadworthy.
3. Walk their bike/scooter up and down Hyde End Lane.
4. Dismount when entering the school site.
5. Students will be directed where to store their bikes/scooters – either the Velo Parc or the front playground. Any student not using these areas will be prevented from bringing their bikes onto school site as this presents a Health and Safety risk.
6. Never carry a passenger on the bike.
7. Be seen by using lights in the dark and wearing Hi Vis clothing.
8. Be courteous to other road users.
9. No wheelies or sitting in the middle of the road blocking traffic.
10. Consider weather conditions e.g. when roads are wet, ride with caution.
11. The school reserves the right to withdraw the Cycle Permit at any time for disobeying the above conditions.
12. Misplaced permits must be immediately reported to the Head of Year.

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### School Cycle Permit - Please return this slip to Form Tutors.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the above Conditions and request a Cycle Permit and permission to ride a bicycle/scooter to and from school. I understand, if these conditions are breached, my child will not be able to store their bike/scooter on the school site.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Date: \_\_\_\_\_