



Swaythling Primary School

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL POLICY

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**Swaythling Primary School** recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling, scooting and walking to and from school. We actively encourage this form of travel. These guidelines are to promote the health and safety of our pupils. The benefits of sustainable travel to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviours.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

***To encourage as many pupils to cycle to school as we can, the School will:***

- Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle and scoot to school.
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site.
- Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.
- Work in conjunction with Sustrans ([www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)) through the **Bike It** School Mark to build a durable cycling culture.

***To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:***

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
  - Correct seat height
  - Correct handle bar height
  - Bell works
  - Brakes work effectively front and rear
  - Correct air pressure in tyres
  - Working lights front and rear
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting.
- Wearing a properly fitting cycle / scooter helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

***For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:***

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling and scooting.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Accompany children under the age of 10 when cycling to school as this complies with RoSPA advice.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- All cyclists and scooter riders must dismount when entering the school premises. No cycling/scooting is permitted on school premises to ensure the safety of all pupils, parents, carers and staff.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carers and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover, as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

<b>Ratified by Governors:</b>	
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