

Lyndon School Humanities College **Student Cycling Policy**

Lyndon School recognises that cycling in general has many positive benefits:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing early awareness of road safety.
- Promoting independence.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.

The policy aims to:

- **Actively encourage as many students as possible to cycle to school and enjoy the many positive benefits this brings.**
- **Actively encourage an awareness of cycle safety for all.**
- **Actively encourage parents and carers to participate in teaching their child cycle safety.**

To encourage students to cycle to school Lyndon School will:

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Provide, as far as possible, secure cycle storage on the school site.
- Regularly consult students regarding the provision.

To promote cycle safety to all students the school will:

- If possible arrange safety training courses on site.
- Arrange for suitable adults to give regular (at least once a year) cycle safety advice via assemblies.
- Provide posters and flyers to students and their families.
- Promote cycle safety via the school newsletter and website.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for the whole Lyndon community we expect our students to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which promotes Lyndon and its' students in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- Consider seriously, wearing a helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- If possible, attend any cycle training opportunities provided by the school

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

- Discuss road safety with their child.
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities, at school or outside, to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle light and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

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.