



Bleak Hill Primary School

CYCLE POLICY
SUMMER 2026

Signed by:

_____	Headteacher	Date: _____
_____	Chair of governors	Date: _____

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Bleak Hill Primary School recognises both the environmental and health benefits of cycling to school and wish to promote safe cycling to school.

Partnership with parents and a clear understanding of responsibilities will help to support safe cycling. While the school will provide a cycle storage area and cycle training for older children, the decision to allow a child to cycle to school rests with parents. **We strongly recommend that all 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.**

Liability and insurance

Schools are not liable for property brought onto their premises and are therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party while they are at school. The school's insurance does not cover cycles on the premises, so parents are advised to make their own arrangements.

Responsibility for children while they are on their way to or from school rests with parents. The school can take no responsibility for the safety of children outside school.

We recommend that cycles are clearly marked or post coded and that all equipment is named.

Storage

Cycle racks are available on school premises. We recommend that all cycles are securely locked to a stand. Storage for helmets and other cycle equipment will be made available in school.

Training

The school is able to offer training. This is for children who are aged 10 and over. The course focuses on basic cycle control and road safety.

Maintenance checks

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

- both brakes working
- tyres pumped up, and wheels not wobbling sideways
- handlebars and saddle straight and tight
- front and rear reflectors and wheel reflectors
- both lights working

Safety

We require that all children wear helmets when cycling. 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 must be in good working order.

All cyclists should be aware of the rules of the Highway Code that relate to cycling and should follow these at all times. We suggest that parents identify the safest cycling route to school with their children and point out particular hazards and danger points.

Signed..... (Chair of Governors)

Date.....

June 2026

