



# **OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL** **AND** **SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

**With delegated responsibility from the**  
**Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust**

## **CYCLE TO SCHOOL POLICY**

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## Policy Amendments

<b>Version Date</b>	<b>Section / Page</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
June 2023	6.0 / Page 3	New section regarding motorcycles and electric scooters. Clarification that helmets and any other safety equipment required by law must be worn to and from school and when on the school site.
June 2020		Date changes to front page

## **1.0 Background**

Oaklands recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

## **2.0 Benefits of cycling to school include:**

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

## **3.0 Role of the student:**

- 3.1 To ride to school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code.
- 3.2 To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- 3.3 Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- 3.4 To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from the school site.
- 3.5 To ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- 3.6 To dismount upon entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles to the storage area. Cycling or "scooting" of cycles is prohibited in the grounds.
- 3.7 To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle off the school site.
- 3.8 To lock the bicycle securely in the appropriate area.
- 3.9 To safely store the cycle helmet during the school day.

## **4.0 Role of the school:**

- 4.1 To provide a visible place to store the bicycle
- 4.2 To actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- 4.3 Oaklands is not responsible for bicycles brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupils' bicycles being stolen or damaged by a third party. Although the school provides appropriate cycle storage parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.
- 4.4 The school will notify parents if children do not adhere to the Cycle to School Policy and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

- 4.5 The school reserves the right to impound bikes where students use them incorrectly or not in a safe manner whilst on site, this includes disobeying the instruction of site staff, having a bike unfit for road use or not wearing safety equipment including a helmet.
- 4.6 Fixie type bikes that do not comply with The Pedal Cycles (and Use) Regulations 1983 will be impounded as they are not permitted in school.

## 5.0 Role of the parent:

- 5.1 While this school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of students cycling to school we strongly recommend that students wishing to cycle to school are proficient in using a bicycle. More information on the bike ability training syllabus is available at [www.bikeability.org.uk](http://www.bikeability.org.uk)
- 5.2 Check that a student's bike is in roadworthy condition
- 5.3 Provide the necessary personal safety and protective equipment. Although bicycle helmets are not compulsory on UK roads, **it is the school's policy to insist that students wear a cycle helmet.**
- 5.4 The Pedal Cycles (and Use) Regulations 1983 make it clear that every pedal cycle needs two braking systems.
- 5.5 Parents must ensure that bikes comply with the law.

## 6.0 Use of Motorcycles / Electric and E-Scooters

- 6.1 Sixth Form students and Year 11 students are permitted to bring motorcycles to school providing that they have written permission of the Headteacher. Students should put in writing a request to the Head via the Head of Sixth Form / Head of Year 11.
- 6.2 Permission will be determined by the availability of parking space.
- 6.3 Students must have the correct level of insurance to ride the motorcycle.
- 6.4 The correct helmet and other safety equipment required by law must be worn whilst riding the motorcycle to and from school and whilst on the school site.
- 6.5 No responsibility can be accepted by the school for the safe keeping of the motorcycle whilst on the school site.
- 6.6 Whilst riding in the school grounds, a speed of 5mph or less must be adhered to. Speeding or dangerous driving will lead to withdrawal of permission to bring the motorcycle to school.
- 6.7 Use of the motorcycle on the school premises is purely for access only.
- 6.8 Students are currently not permitted to bring or ride electric/e-scooters on the school site. This will be reviewed in line with any legislation changes.