

# Welton St. Mary's Church of England Primary Academy



## Our Vision

As an inclusive Christian community we value each person, seeking to release everyone's full potential as promised by Jesus Christ. We seek to provide a safe, inspiring and creative learning environment providing opportunities for all to flourish. Through challenge, support and care, we strive for excellence in all that we do; always building on the foundations of shared values with consistently high expectations rooted in God's love. Together we are encouraged to be agents of positive change in this world.

*'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'* Romans 15:13

## CYCLING AND SCOOTING POLICY

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## Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary School

**Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy 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.**

**Some of the benefits of cycling and scooting 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 and scoot to school as we can, the School will:**

Actively promote cycling and scooting as a positive way of travelling

Allow cycle and scooter storage on the school site

Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils during their primary years.

Work with the Road Safety Partnership

**To make cycling and scooting to/ 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 bike is roadworthy and well maintained

Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling / scooting including wheeling a bike and scooter around the school premises.

**Wear a cycle 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

Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate

Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

Ensure their child wears a helmet

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer 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.

Children are NOT allowed to cycle to school and store their bike on the school grounds if they are NOT wearing a helmet. We would highly recommend that children who come to school on a scooter also wear a helmet.