

## BURFORD SCHOOL CYCLE AND SCOOTER NOTICE

Burford supports pupils who wish to cycle/scooter to school since it improves their health and fitness, reduces traffic outside the school making conditions safer for everyone and benefits your children's general development.

While Burford wishes to encourage pupils to cycle/scooter to school, the decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves on the route from home to school and back must be yours and yours alone. Burford cannot accept liability for any consequences of that decision.

However, there are certain rules that must be adhered to by all – cyclists, scooters, walkers and motorists in order for us to provide a safe environment which encourages sustainable travel.

### The following rules must be observed:

- ALL cyclists **MUST** wear a cycling helmet AND we recommend a reflective or brightly coloured jacket/lights to make yourselves noticeable to cars.
- Only cycle/scooter, if your bike/scooter is in a roadworthy condition.
- The Highway Code clearly states that you **must not** cycle on the pavements as these are pedestrian rights of way. However, the police have confirmed that children **may** cycle on the pavements but should **DISMOUNT** and show courtesy by pushing your bike past pedestrians – especially near small children and dogs on leads as they can be unpredictable.
- Children who scooter must also be aware of pedestrians, especially small children and dogs and should **not speed** past groups of walkers. Adults must keep in close proximity to their scooting children.
- Young cyclists must be accompanied on the road by a responsible adult unless the cyclist has undertaken an approved cycle training course.
- **PUSH** bikes and/or **CARRY** scooters on school premises - **NO** riding on the school grounds.
- Please dismount when using the pedestrian crossing.
- Bikes/scooters left at school are the responsibility of their owners. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles. All bikes/scooters must be left tidily in the bike/scooter shelter. All equipment must be clearly named.
- Cyclists must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code. We strongly advise that you read the Highway Code for more information on "Rules for Cyclists " before undertaking to cycle to school.

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG\\_069837](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG_069837)

## BURFORD HOME - SCHOOL CYCLE/SCOOTER AGREEMENT

If you wish your son/daughter to cycle or scooter to school, would you please complete the form below. It is important that we know the numbers of children cycling or scooting to school even if you only intend to do it now and again. Please complete one per child. This page should be returned to school and the first page is for you to keep.

Initially, any child not complying with these rules will be sent to their Head of House and house points will be deducted. However, Burford reserves the right to revoke this permission slip in the event that the above conditions are continuously ignored.

Name of Pupil: .....

Date of Birth: .....

I agree to accept responsibility for my child cycling or scooting to school and confirm that I have read and understood the conditions set out by the school and as described in the Highway Code – particularly in the case of cyclists.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Name: ..... Parent/Guardian