

Viking Academy Trust



Cycling Policy

The VIKING ACADEMY TRUST 'Cycling Policy' has been written after consultation with all stakeholders and follows DfE guidance. Please read alongside 'Leaving School Unaccompanied By An Adult' Policy.

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Chair of Trust

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Schools in the Viking Academy Trust (VAT)

We start 2016-17 academic year with three schools in the Viking Academy Trust.

These are:

Chilton Primary School
Ramsgate Free School
Upton Junior School

This 'Cycling Policy' is for all aforementioned schools.

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Please read 'Leaving School Unaccompanied By An Adult Policy' alongside this

"We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together."

The Viking Academy Trust recognises the many positive benefits of people 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 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 people to cycle to school as we can, Viking schools' will:

- ✓ Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- ✓ Not impose undue barriers that prevent people cycling to school.
- ✓ Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
- ✓ Provide cycle storage on the school site.
- ✓ Provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- ✓ Wear a cycle helmet.
- ✓ 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 shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- ✓ 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:

- ✓ Inform the school office and complete the 'Leaving School Unaccompanied By An Adult Form' (see Appendix 1)
- ✓ Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as cycle helmets, high-visibility clothing and bicycle lights as appropriate.
- ✓ Ensure riders always dismount and wheel their bicycle within the school site.
- ✓ Ensure bikes are parked only in the allocated school bicycle stores, with a cycle lock.
- ✓ Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- ✓ Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly
- ✓ maintained.
- ✓ Mark the bicycle with the child's name in case it is left on the school premises.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the Viking Academy Trust has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Parents are advised to provide a lock and take out appropriate insurance cover as the Viking Academy Trust's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

Appendix 1:

Leaving school unaccompanied by an adult permit

The safety of your child is the highest priority for us at Upton Junior School. Because of this, we need to know if your child will leave school at 3:15 pm unaccompanied by an adult. If this applies to you, please complete the form below and return it to the school office.



Please note the passes only work at 3:15 pm. If your child attends an after-school club at Upton the club leaders follow the home time arrangements information you provided at the point of the completion of your online form. If this ever changes please let the office know and we can amend your collection arrangements stated on the clubs registers.

Name of child:	
Class:	
*My child cycles to / from school unaccompanied:	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child walks to / from school unaccompanied:	<input type="checkbox"/>
**My child leaves the school premises unaccompanied but meets an adult in a designated area:	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Cycling to and from school information:

Cycle colour:	
Cycle make:	
Model:	
Cycle serial number:	
Lock serial number:	
Special features:	

**Meeting an adult at a designated area:

Please advise your child that should you run late collecting your child at the designated meeting point that they should make their way back to the school and not home.

Designated meeting point:	
Estimated time of adult arrival:	
Adult's name meeting pupil:	
Time child should be advised to walk back to school by:	

Parent's Name: _____