

# Ardrishaig Primary School Early Learning and Family Centre



## Cycle/Scoot to School Policy

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

### **Benefits of Cycling/Scooting to School**

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion around the school.
- Reducing the environmental impact on the journey to the school.

### **Role of the Pupil**

- To ride/scoot to school sensibly and safely following the Highway Code.
- To take responsibility for checking that their bicycle/scooter is in good working order and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible way and to consider the needs of others when cycling/scooting.
- To correctly wear a cycle helmet to and from the school.
- To ensure that they can be seen by other road users by wearing bright clothing.
- To dismount upon entering the school site and walk their bicycles/scooters to the storage area.
- To be aware of other pedestrians when wheeling the bicycle/scooter through the school grounds.

### **Role of the School**

- To provide and maintain cycle/scooter storage.
- To provide iCycle training to cyclists in upper Primary stages.

### **Role of the Parent**

- While the school wishes to encourage an increase in the number of pupils cycling or scooting to school we strongly recommend that parents supervise pupils on the journey to school until they are satisfied that they are able to do this safely and independently.
- Parents must give permission, using the school proforma, for their children to cycle/scoot to school.
- Please note, the school can only be responsible for your child when they enter the school grounds and cannot take responsibility or liability for children once they have left school.

### **Conditions for Cycling/Scooting to School**

- To ensure that the bicycle/scooter is in good working order.
- To complete the 'Parent Consent Form' to give permission for the child to cycle/scoot to school.
- To encourage the use of bright clothing on the journey.
- To encourage the child to wear a helmet to school.
- To note that all bicycles/scooters and helmets are brought to school at the owners risk.
- To encourage safe road user behaviour on the journey.

# Parent Consent Form

Ardrishaig Primary School is keen to support and enable pupils who cycle or scoot to and from school. The decision as to whether your child is able to cycle/scoot, either alone or accompanied by an adult must be yours. We have put in place a 'Cycle/Scoot to School Policy' to ensure that only those pupils who understand the rights and responsibilities of cycling or scooting to and from school are permitted to do so, with parent/guardian consent.

If your child would like to cycle or scoot to school, please discuss the option with them and the code of conduct that has been developed. You will find our school code of conduct, which has been developed by the pupils, and the Cycle to School Policy enclosed.

If you wish to discuss cycling or scooting to school further, please contact the school.

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I have read and agree to the conditions detailed in the Cycle/Scoot to School Policy and give permission for my child to cycle/scoot to school.

**Name of Child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cycle/Scooter Make, Model & Colour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pupil Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_