

Cycling to Kingsdown School



Outlined below are the conditions and expectations around students cycling safely to and from Kingsdown School. Your support to ensure that students consistently adhere to all expectations is much appreciated.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school ultimately rests with parents/carers, and the school has no liability for any consequence of that decision. Parents/carers are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

Bike Permit Application

Students who wish to cycle to and from school must have applied for a bike permit and have displayed a permit sticker on their bike **BEFORE** they start cycling to school. A bike permit application form can be collected from Student Services or downloaded from the Kingsdown website. Parents/carers must complete all the relevant details and sign to confirm that expectations will be met. Students should return the form to Student Services where their details will be recorded and a permit sticker issued, and which they must then display on their bike.

In order to obtain a permit, an agreement is made that students must:

- Wear a helmet whilst cycling to and from school.
- Cycle without wearing headphones.
- Ensure they dismount their bike at the top of the driveway and walk it to the storage area.
- Lock their bike and helmet securely in the storage area.
- Service their bike regularly to ensure brakes/tyres are safe for road use.
- Ensure bikes are fitted with working lights in preparation for autumn/winter months.
- Cycle sensibly on the journey, using cycle paths and on the correct side of the road, and obeying the highway code.
- Display their bike permit sticker on their bike.
- Arrive to lock their bike up by 8.15am at the latest.

Secure Bicycle Storage

A secure purpose-built bike storage area is located by the Art block. Students will need to enter the site down the road at the side of school, next to the exit gate/car park. They must dismount before entry and walk their bike to the storage area. The storage area will be locked at 8:15am each morning. The bike storage area is covered by CCTV to assist with monitoring security and student behaviour.

Revoking Permits

Where students are observed failing to meet these safety conditions and expectations, a written warning will be issued including direction as to what is required in order to retain their permit. If these conditions are still not met, permission to cycle to and from school, and to store their bike securely on site will be revoked.