

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been noted that with the coming of better weather, more children are choosing to come to school on their bikes.

As a school we encourage exercise and of course use of a bicycle can contribute to a healthy lifestyle. However, our school is situated on one of the busiest roads in Harrogate and as part of our health & safety reviews I should like to bring to your attention the following:

If you wish your child to cycle to school on his/her own you need to apply for a cycle contract for your child. Please see attached the relevant forms which you must send to school after discussing with your child and signing where indicated.

Please note that:

- **In the interests of safety any children younger than Y5 or Y6 should be accompanied by an adult when cycling to and from school.** These children do not require a Cycle Contract as they are with a responsible adult at all times
- If children break the code of conduct then the school reserves the right to remove the permission
- Children will only be permitted to cycle to school on their own if they have a school Cycle Contract.

The school's cycle to school code of conduct is as follows:

- Children are strongly advised to wear a cycle helmet. **Although your child might not consider it cool to wear a helmet there is clear evidence to support the fact that many fatalities have been avoided by using a cycle helmet.**
- Bikes should be in safe condition at all times.
- Cyclists must dismount when they come onto the school grounds and wheel their bike to the cycle hoops
- Bikes should be locked securely (all bikes are left at the owners own risk)
- Children should cycle safely at all times and always respect walkers and other road users.
- Parents and children will be responsible for investigating a suitable cycle route for their journey to and from school.
- The school provides a safe place for bikes to be stored. (Children/parents/carers are responsible for the locks)
- Children will be encouraged to undertake cycle training when offered.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for the safety of the bikes being stored, nor the safety of the pupils on the journey to and from school.

Please discuss the above points with your child and then read and sign the contract below. Please then return the Contract to me at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ratcliffe