



**COUNDON COURT
BIKE POLICY
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Frequency of Review: Three Years

Date of Next Review: January 2023

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Coundon Court wishes to support students in enjoying their bikes and ensuring that they know how to keep themselves safe whilst riding.

Students require a bike permit to ride their bikes to school. This permit will have the name of the student and a description of the student's bike. This will be issued annually. Parents should inform the school of any changes made to bikes so that the permit can be updated as is appropriate. This will allow us to monitor the bikes and how they are being ridden. Spot checks on possession of a permit will be undertaken.

If expectations are not met, the bike permit will be revoked.

We provide dry and secure bike stores. The sheds are locked throughout the day. There is also good CCTV coverage of the exist and entrance.

However, bikes must be individually secured to the rails. We will always try to identify any persons responsible for damage or theft but cannot accept any liability.

We maintain a small supply of puncture repair kit and a pump but it would be useful for each student to have their own kit.

We will assist in repairing a puncture or other simple mechanical failure in order to get a student home. This is done in good faith and subject to staff availability. Any bike that is unfit for use can be stored safely overnight or until it can be collected for repair.

I understand the policy and agree to support Coundon Court and the expectations set out.

I have educated my child as to Highway Code expectations.

I agree / disagree that simple repairs can be carried out.

Signed

Student Name and Tutor Group

Date

Expectations:

- Bikes access is through a special gate at the front of the school. Bikes are to be walked into the bike sheds.
- Bikes are never ridden on the school grounds
- Bikes are ridden to and from school in a safe and responsible manner at all times
- **We strongly encourage students to wear a helmet – local roads are very busy.**
- Bikes will have two working brakes, front and rear reflectors and tyres in good condition. A bell is highly recommended. (BMX bikes must have a rear working brake – we would recommend both front and rear brakes).
- We recommend front and rear lights in the winter months.
- **Bikes must be secured with a locking device.** We can take no responsibility for theft.
- All bike riders will have a permit to ride their bike to school

Policing:

- A. **Dangerous bikes.** Bikes that are unfit for use will be padlocked by the school. They will be returned to parents by appointment. School staff will support and advise parents as to the repairs required.
- B. **Dangerous riding.** Students who ride without due care and attention or whose conduct places other road users at risk will be issued a warning, confirmed in writing to their parents. A safety challenge will be completed for homework. This covers off basic highway code requirements.

A second offence will result in a ban for the rest of the academic year.

We have tried a number of approaches to managing student safety and bike conduct but graduated punishment has not had any real effect.

Students will be considered to have committed an offence when Coundon staff have witnessed the offence directly or members of the public have reported credible incidents within the local community both before and after the school day.

Please ensure the bike is road safe and that the basics of road safety are understood by your child.

A cyclist should be aware of:

Hand signals
How to ride in traffic
Manoeuvring
Pedestrian crossings
Mending a puncture

Our experience shows a number of real issues:

Pulling wheelies on busy roads – showing off.
Puling straight out onto the main road without looking – especially by the Nugget.
Undertaking stationary traffic with a risk of crush injury.
Ignoring the Crossing Patrol at Hollyfast with a risk of collision.
Carrying a passenger and making the bike unstable.
Hopping on and off the pavement – especially by Hollyfast School.