

# Bike, scooter and skateboard policy

The Holgate Academy

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The Holgate Academy actively supports healthy options and as such we seek to support any student who wishes to cycle to school. To this end we do provide a secure bike storage area that is locked and monitored by CCTV. However, bikes are brought to the Academy **at your own risk.**

The Academy has clear rules and expectations about the safety of the bike and the safe use of the bike.

Under no circumstances **are e.scooters, skateboards or similar items allowed** in the Academy.

Students who wish to ride a bike to School must do so using a road legal bike and follow all Academy rules regarding the safe use of bikes on site.

**On site:** *(On site is the physical area of the grounds enclosed by the green fencing and accessed via the various green gates)*

- On arrival on site all riders must dismount and walk their bikes to the bike shed.
- All bikes must be stored in one of the two bike sheds.
- When departing the site, the bike must be walked until off site.
- All cyclists must exit via the Hillcrest gate once the bulk of students have left
- Under no circumstance should a student ride their bike on site.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a bike ban of between a week or longer and communication with parents/carers. Repeat offenders may be seen by the School Police Liaison Officer.

**Students may only bring roadworthy bikes to the Academy.**

#### **Roadworthy (required)**

- Working front and rear brakes. This is a legal requirement.
- Lights as appropriate to the time of the commute. This is a legal requirement.

#### **Roadworthy (recommended)**

- Safe tyres
- Reflectors
- Helmet
- Reflective jacket or bands.

Students who ride a bike to school that is not roadworthy (required) will be told not to bring the bike to school until it is made roadworthy and parents/carers will be informed.

The Academy reserves the right to conduct regular but random bike checks. The Academy also reserves the right to not allow a bike to be used if it is deemed illegal or unsafe. The bike will be kept safe until a parent/carer can collect it.

#### **Safety First!**

1. All pupils are recommended to wear a helmet and have suitable reflective material such as a jacket or sash when cycling.
2. All pupils are reminded that there is a legal requirement to have working lights on a bike between sunset and sunrise.
3. All pupils are reminded that bikes should be road worthy and that there is a legal requirement to have working breaks.

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