

POLICY STATEMENT

BICYCLE EDUCATION

PURPOSE:

To encourage the development of safe and appropriate attitudes and behaviour towards bicycle use and an understanding of the relevant road laws.

OBJECTIVES:

- To develop the skills necessary to control a bicycle safely, particularly when riding in traffic.
- To develop an understanding of bicycle maintenance procedures.
- To ensure children are aware of safety standards which need to be met before any riding activity is undertaken.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

- A designated Bike Education trained staff member is responsible for the co-ordination of the programme.
- Parents are advised regarding the nature and conditions of the bicycle education activities.
- Parents are informed with written information about the program and written parental consent is required for children to participate in the programme.
- Students provide their own bike and helmet for Bike Education.
- The programme includes in school and out of school experiences.
- The Bike Education coordinator is responsible for organising a safety check of bikes and helmets by an experienced bicycle mechanic.
- A secure location is to be provided for storage of all bikes and helmets during the programme.
- Professional Development will be offered on a regular basis to ensure that at least one staff member is Bicycle Education trained.
- All students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in this programme.
- Helmets will be worn at all times and the Bicycle Education Guidelines followed.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Education Committee as part of the Education Committee's cyclic review process, in three years time, or beforehand, if a significant issue arises.