



# SUMMERHILL SCHOOL

September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## RE: School Bicycle Helmet Policy

We continually look how to best support our staff, parents and students to feel safe and be safe in school and the surrounding areas.

In response to parent and community feedback, we are now focusing our attention on the safety of pupils who come to school on their bicycles. Young people are the most likely to be involved in an accident on their bicycle, and our school is surrounded by busy roads. Helmets can be effective in reducing head injuries. Brain injuries are devastating and the effects can be life lasting.

Therefore, all pupils and staff who travel to school on their bicycles **must wear a helmet** in line with the current statement on the schools Consistency Framework.

If your child currently comes to school on a bicycle, or would like to do so, please complete the attached contract and use the half term break to obtain a helmet for any student who may require one.

The school reserve the right to immobilise any bicycle brought on to site where the rider does not comply with the terms of the contract.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support of the school as always.

Yours sincerely

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## PARENTAL CONTRACT – BICYCLES IN SCHOOL

This form must be completed and returned before a student brings their bicycle onto the school site.

Student Name .....

House Group .....

Description of Bicycle .....

1. I have read the consistency framework policy statement regarding the using of bicycles for travel to and from school and for parking them on school premises.
2. I give my permission for my child above to ride their bicycle to school.
3. I acknowledge that Summerhill School bear no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to the bicycle during the day, and that the security of the bicycle is the responsibility of myself and my child. I accept that bicycles are left unattended for the duration of the day.
4. I will ensure that that my child always has a helmet and understand that they **must** wear this when cycling to and from school.
5. I understand any child seen without a helmet, riding their bicycle around the school, or riding dangerously in the community will have permission to cycle to school withdrawn.
6. I understand that the school reserve the right to immobilise any bicycle that is brought onto the site by a student who is not complying with the above.

Name of Parent or Carer .....

Signed by Parent or Carer ..... Date .....

Please return this completed form to reception.



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