

Brookwood School Cycling/Scooting Policy

At Brookwood Primary School we support pupils who wish to cycle or use scooters to travel to and from school wherever possible. The decision on whether or not a pupil is able to cycle/scoot safely to and from school rests with the parent/carer of the pupil concerned. Connaught Road is an extremely busy road, and is risky to cyclists, including children cycling on the paths. Several side roads join Connaught Road and Brookwood Train Station attracts high volumes of traffic, creating additional hazards.

Some of the benefits of cycling/scooting to school include:

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned:

- Please ensure that a responsible adult escorts your child cycling or scooting to school.
- Parents should check that their child's bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- We strongly recommend that cycle paths, the canal towpath and paths through woodland are used wherever possible.
- Children should dismount and use pedestrian crossings for main roads.
- We would strongly recommend that children wear helmets whilst on their bikes/scooters.
- Children are expected to dismount and push their bikes/scooters along the footpath outside school and into or out of the school grounds.
- Children must park their bikes/scooters responsibly in the designated bays within the school grounds.
- Bikes / Scooters are left on the school premises at the children's own risk. Brookwood School will not be held liable in the event of theft or damage.