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## Purpose

Barton Primary School is committed to encouraging students to engage in active transportation, including riding bikes and scooters to school.

This policy outlines guidelines for students who choose to ride bikes or scooters to school, with a focus on safety and responsible behaviour.

## Bike and Scooter Riding Guidelines:

### 1. Helmets

All students who ride bikes or scooters to school must wear a properly fitting helmet that meets safety standards. Helmets should be fastened securely before riding and should not be removed until the student has dismounted their bike or scooter.

### 2. Safe Riding

All students who ride bikes or scooters to school must follow safe riding practices, including obeying traffic laws, riding on designated bike paths or lanes where available, using hand signals when turning or stopping, and avoiding reckless or dangerous behaviour.

### 3. Bike Sheds

Barton Primary School provides secure bike sheds for students to store their bikes and scooters during the school day. Students are required to park their bikes or scooters in the designated area which is locked by the school during school hours. Bikes or scooters should not be left in any other area of the school, including classrooms or hallways.

### 4. Responsibility

Students who ride bikes or scooters to school are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others. Students must ensure that their bikes or scooters are in good working order and are equipped with appropriate safety features such as lights and reflectors. Students are also responsible for securing their bikes or scooters in the bike shed and for any damage caused to the bike shed or other property.

Riding a bike or scooter to school can be a healthy and fun way for students to get to school. Barton Primary School encourages this practice while also prioritising safety and responsible behaviour. By following these guidelines, students can enjoy the benefits of active transportation while also contributing to a safe and respectful school community.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school’s website (or via Compass)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at student forums
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	24/04/2023
Consultation	Consultation with Principal
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	24/04/2026