	<b>Briar Hill Primary School POLICY</b>	
	<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>Title: Bike, Scooter and Skateboard Policy</b>

**PREPARED BY:** Policy Sub Committee

**APPROVED BY** 30 May 2017  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

## RATIONALE

Students traveling to and from school need to be safe. Bicycle, scooter and skateboard are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management. The use of bikes, scooters and skateboards forms part of an active community. The school seeks to encourage a safe school environment in respect to bicycles, scooters and skateboards, recognising that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

### 1. AIM

To provide practical guidelines for the safe use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards in the school environment which are in line with the school's duty of care toward all staff and students.


### 2. IMPLEMENTATION


- The school will encourage safe practices by enforcing that:
  - Students wear helmets.
  - Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are in a safe and road worthy condition.
  - Children are encouraged to ride to school in the company of an adult.
- Our school will only provide safe storage for bicycles, scooters and skateboards ridden to school by students under the above conditions.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them, via the school newsletter (**Appendix A**).
- Scooters that are powered by motors of any kind cannot be brought into or stored in the school.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Students doing so will have their bike confiscated. In this case, the teacher will direct the child to take the bike/scooter/skateboard to a secure area for 24 hours. Parents will be notified to collect the bike/scooter/skateboard from the office.
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### 3. EVALUATION

This Policy will be reviewed biannually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

<b>Date implemented</b>	30 May 2017	<b>Responsible for review</b>	School Council
<b>Approved by</b>	School Council	<b>Approval Authority (Signature &amp; Date)</b>	
<b>Review date</b>	September 2019	<b>Date reviewed</b>	

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## Appendix A- Newsletter information

### ***Bike, Skateboard & Scooter Policy***

Briar Hill Primary School requests that parents who allow their children to ride their bicycle, skateboard or scooter to school notify the school in writing that the children have permission to ride.

It is school policy that:

- A note is required from parents giving a child permission to ride a bicycle, skateboard or scooter to and from school.
- Parents are to ensure their children are aware of the importance of bicycle, skateboard and scooter safety.
- Bikes, scooters and skateboards are stored in the designated secure area.
- Bicycle, skateboard and scooter security is the child's responsibility. Children who do ride to school should be aware of road rules and all aspects of bicycle, skateboard and scooter safety. As required by law, helmets are compulsory.
- Bikes, scooters and skateboards are not ridden in the school grounds, instead they are folded and/or walked within the school grounds in order to ensure safety of all.

We ask for parent support of this policy, which has been established in the interests of the safety of children when travelling to and from school and we urge you to discuss with your child the points listed in this document.