



# **MOTORBIKE / MOPED POLICY**

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**Reviewed:**

**Reviewed by: Miss K Hayward**

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## **Rationale**

Students come to Sandy Secondary School from a wide catchment and students may find it convenient to ride to school. The privilege of bringing a motorbike/moped to school is solely in the gift of the school and it is not a right of a student: the contract that you and your parents sign makes this point unequivocally. We would like the experience of being at Sandy Secondary School to be a purposeful and enjoyable one; to an extent, the privilege of being allowed to park a motorbike/moped in the school grounds is an expression of that desire. If such a privilege is to be workable then students need to observe the guidelines and value this contract.

There remains an unacceptable level of road injuries and road deaths on our roads, and we should be ever mindful of the comparatively low level of experience of newly qualified riders and learner riders. Subsequently, all schools have procedures in place to protect their students, to protect the school from liability, to honour their duty of care and to safeguard other people in the school grounds. As ever, we request the support from parents and guardians to reinforce the messages of road safety with their son/daughter.

## **Safety & Security of Motorbikes/Mopeds**

- All motorbikes/mopeds will be parked at the owner's risk. It is advised, therefore, that any valuables, personal or expensive items should not be left with the motorbike/moped to reduce the opportunity for theft
- Students bring their motorbikes/mopeds in at their own risk. The school will not be held responsible for any damage to motorbikes/mopeds.

## **School Regulations**

For the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community it is necessary for the school to have some fundamental conditions which must be adhered to by all students who are granted permission to park their motorbikes/mopeds in the school grounds. Please remember that you have been entrusted as an individual with the responsibility to drive in the school grounds. We, therefore, expect you to comply with the following:

- a) All riders must register their motorbikes/mopeds
- b) To ride with the utmost care and attention at all times
- c) To arrive in school on time for first commitments at 8.25am and to park only in the designated area. As this area is on the main thoroughfare, extra care must be taken when entering and exiting the car parks
- d) The rider must both present a letter of consent from their Parents/Guardians, to the Executive Principal, clearly indicating that they are fully aware of the arrangement and that full insurance is in force

- e) Student riders must not exceed the maximum speed of 5 mph in the school car park. They should push the motorbikes/moped when on hard standing/pavement areas. They must ride with due care and attention at all times
- f) Riders may not carry passengers
- g) All motorbikes/mopeds must have valid road tax and insurance.

**A violation of any of these conditions may lead to permission to park in the school grounds being revoked. If a student, subsequently, parks or brings their motorbike/moped to school without permission it will be treated as serious misconduct**

### **Breach of Parking Regulations**

The privilege of bringing a motorbike/moped to school is solely in the gift of Sandy Secondary School and it is not a right. Breaking the conditions within this policy will result in (at least) the following actions. These represent the minimum action that may be taken and only refers to the right to park a motorbike/moped on school grounds; additional sanctions will apply. The school may deem a breach of the car parking regulations to be more severe than the stages outlined below and may progress sanctions faster and/or higher.

#### **Vice-Principal Involved**

##### **Stage 1**

Student breaking motorbikes/moped permit rules. Students are made fully aware of the Motorbike/Moped Policy. One week permit suspension, detention Issued.

##### **Stage 2**

Further breach of regulations Motorbike/Moped permit suspended (usually one term or equivalent). Parents/Guardians informed, detention issued.

##### **Stage 3**

Further breach of regulations Motorbike/Moped permit withdrawn permanently, SLT detention issued.

#### **Executive Principal Involved**

##### **Stage 4**

Formal disciplinary procedures

Students are expected to act as ambassadors of the school and any breach of the Motorbike/Mopeds Policy may result in suspension or loss of promoted positions such as Prefect/Head Student, etc. Riding recklessly or riding an unregistered Motorbike/Moped on school grounds is considered a serious disciplinary offence and is likely to result in a permanent ban from ever riding within the grounds.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TO RIDE AND PARK IN SCHOOLGROUNDS**

FULL NAME (PLEASE PRINT): .....

YEAR GROUP: .....

### **MOTORBIKE/MOPED DETAILS**

Reg No:

Make:

Model:

Colour:

This permit is issued on the understanding that the following rules and regulations are complied with:

- a) All riders must register their motorbike/moped
- b) To ride with the utmost care and attention at all times
- c) To arrive in school on time for first commitments at 8.25am and to park only in the designated area. As this is on the main thoroughfare, extra care must be taken when entering and exiting the car park. Student motorbikes/mopeds must not be parked in any other staff car parking area
- d) The motorbike/moped is not to be used throughout the school day. This includes travel within the school grounds. If leaving during the school day the driver must sign out at Reception
- e) The rider must present a letter of consent from their Parents/Guardians, to the Executive Principal, clearly indicating that they are fully aware of the arrangement and that full insurance is in place
- f) Student riders must not exceed the maximum speed of 5 mph in the school car park. They should push the motorbikes/mopeds when on hard standing/pavement areas. They must ride with due care and attention at all times
- g) The rider may not carry passengers
- h) All motorbikes/mopeds must have valid tax and insurance. Failure to comply with the regulations as detailed above may result in the withdrawal of this privilege and the matter may become a further disciplinary concern.

**I agree to abide by the above regulations:**

**Student's Name:** .....

**Student's Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....

I have discussed the rules and regulations with my son/daughter and give my permission for them to bring their Motorbike/Moped to school and park on the school grounds. I understand that he/she will lose the right to park on the school grounds if he/she breaks any of the regulations above.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** .....

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....