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RE: Children Cycling to School

Dear Parents / Guardians,

In 2016, 18,477 cyclists were injured in reported road accidents, including 3,499 who were killed or seriously injured. Therefore, in light of an increase in the number of children using bicycles in order to travel to and from school, we feel it is important that children are reminded about the importance of being safe when doing so.

Hence, we would like to remind all parents of our guidelines in relation to bike safety:

- All pupils using a bike are strongly encouraged to wear an appropriate fitted cycle helmet for the entirety of their journey to and from school.
- All cycles to be stored at school should be in a roadworthy condition with two brakes, lights, reflectors and a bell.
- Children should, where possible, wear high visibility clothing and in winter parents should fit adequate front and rear lighting to cycles.
- Cyclists **MUST** dismount as soon as they approach the school gates and push their cycles to the cycle storage areas.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any cycle or associated items brought to school. Cycles should be locked securely in the cycle storage area.

These guidelines have been introduced to help ensure the safety of all pupils and to promote safe practices when cycling and the head teacher reserves the right to withdraw permission to store cycles at school should the above guidelines not be adhered to.

Parents are reminded that how their child(ren) travel to and from school is ultimately the responsibility of parents.

We thank you for your support in relation to this matter and should you wish to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr J A Campbell (Deputy Head Teacher)

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