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RE: Pupils Cycling to School

Dear Parents / Guardians

In light of an increase in the number of children using bicycles in order to travel to and from school, and an increase in complaints from local residents regarding how pupils are riding them, 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.
- Pupils 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 area.
- 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. The gate to the storage area will be closed after the first morning bell and will only be opened again at the end of the school day.

These guidelines have been introduced to help ensure the safety of all pupils and to promote safe practices when cycling and the principal 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. Pupils have however been reminded that riding two and three abreast on main roads is dangerous, as is pulling wheelies.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Strong
Principal