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Dear parent/carer,

As the summer weather approaches, we often see an increase in the number of students who cycle to school. Obviously, we support this and would encourage students cycling to school where appropriate as part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

However, we are concerned about the large number of students who cycle to school without wearing a helmet, therefore putting themselves at risk. Whilst we appreciate that image can be very important to teenagers and they can therefore be reticent to wear a helmet, we also know that parents want their child to be safe on the roads. We want to support parents and carers in ensuring their children are as safe as possible and to normalise helmet wearing when on a bike ride of any length. Wearing a helmet can greatly reduce the risk of a head injury in a crash and regardless of how competent a cyclist an individual student is, they cannot legislate for other road users.

Therefore, from Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>, all students will be welcome to cycle to and from school but they **must** wear a helmet if doing so. No bikes will be allowed on site if the cyclist is not wearing a helmet. Please contact your child's Head of Year if your child cycles to school but cannot afford the helmet cost and we will try to offer some financial assistance.

We will also be discussing this with students in assembly and form time over the next few weeks in preparation for the new rules next half term.

Students arriving on site without a helmet will have their bikes confiscated and locked up in the bike sheds and may only collect the bike when they return to school with a helmet.

We hope that parents and carers will support us in this and that students will understand that our priority is to keep them safe.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Gregory.  
Deputy Headteacher.

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