



RE: Safer Cycling

Dear Parents / Carers

Since the start of the Academic Year we have identified a number of concerns regarding the safety of students who cycle to and from our Academy. In order to address these issues we will be introducing some clear guidelines which students must adhere to, if choosing to cycle. These will apply from **Tuesday 2nd January 2018**:

- Students who cycle to school **must** wear a helmet and will not be permitted to leave school with their bicycle if they do not have one;
- Bicycles must be well-maintained and have front and rear brakes;
- Students who cycle to school must have a working lock for their own cycle. These cannot be shared;
- Bicycles must have working front and rear lights when weather and/ or light conditions deem it necessary;
- We strongly advise that, students who cycle to school should wear bright or high-viz clothing in the darker winter mornings and evenings;
- **Scooters are not to be brought to the Academy.**

Any student seen being unsafe cycling to or from school and not following the above, will not be allowed to bring his bicycle to school. Any student who arrives at school without a helmet or with a bicycle that is not in a safe condition to ride, will not be permitted to leave site with his bicycle. Bicycles will be secured at school until the student arrives with a helmet, or the cycle is collected by parents/carers. The contents of this letter will be communicated with students before the end of term.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have made suggestions and contacted the Academy about road safety, to help us safeguard our students. Please remember to respect the No-Stopping Zone outside the Academy if you are dropping or collecting a student by car.

If you have any queries on concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Assistant Principal