

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Cycle Safety

Welling School supports students who wish to walk or cycle to school. Cycling and walking improves health and fitness and reduces traffic outside of school.

Unfortunately, we have witnessed and received reports of students not cycling safely and responsibly and not wearing helmets. Towards the end of the Summer Term, some of our students were involved in road traffic accidents whilst cycling to or from school.

Whilst wishing to encourage students cycling to school, the decision as to whether your child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves on the route, from home to school and back, must be yours. I would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is aware of the dangers of cycling without due care and attention.

We will be discussing our concerns and promoting a safety first approach towards cycling within tutor time.

Below is the school's outline of safety arrangements for cycling to school

1. All persons cycling to and from school must wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet, and should use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor.
2. All cyclists must dismount outside the school entrance. No riding is permitted within the school grounds.
3. We request that all bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition.

From Monday, 3 October 2016, students who cycle to school will be required to have permission. The school reserves the right to revoke permission if the above conditions are ignored.

Parents/carers are reminded that the school does not cover loss or damage to bicycles at any time.

If your child is cycling to school please complete the following permission slip and return to the school reception. We will be keeping a record of students who have returned these documents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms J Silcox
Deputy Headteacher



Name of Student

Tutor Group

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I accept the above conditions and request permission for my child to be given access to the cycle parking at school.

Parent/Carer Signature

Parent/Carer Name (Printed)

Date