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Dear NCS families

Re: Bike Safety at NCS

We are delighted that so many of our students choose to cycle to school each day as it is a mode of transport that has multiple benefits for students' health and wellbeing, as well as the environment in general. We would actively encourage as many students as possible to use their bikes. We have a brand new area in school for the students to store their bikes and we are actively working with them to ensure their safety on their way to and from school. To ensure their continued welfare we want to raise a few points.

Bike Security

We ask that all students cycling to school use the designated bike zone within school to ensure the safety of the bikes. We appreciate that many of the bikes are very expensive so we ask that students have a lock with them and lock their bikes separately in the designated slots. **Unfortunately we cannot take any responsibility for bikes that are not locked within the school designated bike zone.**

Safety

For the continued safety of your child, we strongly advise that students wear a helmet to and from school and at all times that they are cycling. We also advise that students regularly have their bikes serviced to ensure roadworthiness and that in order to make them as visible as possible then they wear some form of reflective clothing. Next week for the safety of our students we will be checking the roadworthiness of the all bikes. It is vital that all bikes are safe for the students to use. We do not want any students to be involved in an accident due to the poor condition of their bike. For their safety should we deem a bike to be unfit for the road then we will contact you and ask you to come and collect your child's bike. Please take the weekend to ensure they are in appropriate and safe condition.

Cycling to and from school

Whilst we know that the vast majority of our students are very sensible and ride their bikes safely a very small number do put themselves at risk by riding in a dangerous manner. It has been reported to us by members of the public that this involves weaving in and out of traffic and pulling out in front of vehicles. We feel that it is important that we raise this as the safety and wellbeing of our students, both in and out of school, is our number one priority. With this in mind if we see or are informed of students riding their bikes in a dangerous manner then for their safety we will speak to them and if it should continue then we may have to remove their right to bring their bikes to school. We would see this as a last resort and would hope that the students understand that we are trying to be supportive and looking after their welfare.

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We appreciate your support with this and thank all of our students who cycle to school in a responsible manner. If you have any questions about the above then please feel free to contact your child's tutor.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Smith', with a large, stylized loop at the top.

Mr M Smith
Assistant Head – Student Care