

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families,

Unfortunately, we have had what could have been a very serious accident outside school this morning involving a child on a bike. It required emergency services response. Thankfully, the child is doing well but it could have easily turned out differently.

Since returning to school after lockdown we are seeing increasing numbers of students using bikes. Parents of cyclists were contacted directly at the start of the year requesting their children wear helmets and encouraging safe cycling. Sadly, we have not seen a big take up in the use of helmets and issues around unsafe bike riding are our most common complaints from the local area.

We continue to address this in school through assemblies and speaking to students, but the situation is not improving. We have even banned some students from cycling to school due to unsafe behaviour, something we will continue to do.

The incident today highlights exactly why it is so important to wear a helmet, and how easily something life changing could happen.

I have taken the view today that students can only cycle on to the school premises if they are wearing a helmet. The volume of traffic around the school is such it would never be safe without one.

To allow people a chance to get helmets, this will come in to effect on Monday 28th November. Students will be allowed to keep helmets in their year areas.

I also need to mention how important lights are on bikes given the gloomy days of winter are now ahead of us.

I know you will all share our worries about children's safety on the roads. If you require any help getting a helmet for your child, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



Mrs R England  
Headteacher



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**CHASE**  
*Dreams*

  
**SUCCEED**  
**TOGETHER**

*Think BIG*

