



9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer

**Important Information - Bikes and Scooters**

I wrote to you all on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 stating a change to the time that bike and scooter users would be leaving the school site. The students have adjusted well to this slight timing change, and I thank them for their support.

When I wrote I also explained there would be further changes to bike and scooter usage in the New Year. The first of these changes will be compulsory use of appropriate helmets for those students opting to use a bike or a scooter to travel to school.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance and this measure is simply to reduce risk of serious injury. Whilst we encourage students to make active, healthy and environmentally friendly choices in terms of their travel to and from school, we also want them to be safe choices. Wearing a suitable, well-fitting helmet can reduce risk of serious injury whilst scooting or cycling.

Students that fail to wear helmets or opt to hang them from handlebars or rucksacks will politely be asked to find an alternative mode of transport for their travel to and from school. This is a non-negotiable measure that will apply to all of our students from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Following on from my letter on 12<sup>th</sup> November, I received a number of emails from parents encouraging us as a school to adopt a compulsory approach to helmets, so I would like to thank you all in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully

Phil Hunt  
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