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Dear Parents and Carers

As a school we have always encouraged pupils to ride their bikes to school. It has many benefits to offer.

We have a number of pupils who do travel to and from school on bikes. They wear helmets and follow the rules of the road well. They are safe and sensible.

However we do have pupils who do not ride their bikes in a safe way. They are a danger to themselves and to other road users and pedestrians. They cycle in large groups, sometimes on the pavement and at ridiculous speeds weaving in and out of traffic. Anyone who has seen the result of a collision between a car and a cyclist will understand the severe consequences of such an accident. Children often feel invincible and that they are in some way immune to the reality of an accident on a bike. I regularly receive complaints from members of the public who are using the road at the same time as our children and tell me about 'near misses' due to erratic and dangerous cycling. If your son or daughter travels to and from school please support us by having an ongoing conversation about cycle safety. Neither teachers nor parents can monitor all our children do. However I do hope that by sharing the same message about the extreme importance of safe cycling, including wearing a cycle helmet we will be able to keep our children and other road users safe.

On a different matter can I please direct your attention to the news item on the website explaining about the consultation meeting on significant change expansion.

I hope you have a pleasant half term break.

Yours sincerely

STEVE LEWIS
Headteacher