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Dear Parent /Guardian

PUPILS CYCLING TO SCHOOL

I am writing this letter to you with regard to boys who cycle to school. We are very proud of the number of boys that use their bicycles to travel to and from school and we would like to draw your attention to two issues of concern.

Firstly, most of the boys cycle on footpaths rather than the roads. We have had a few complaints from pedestrians near the school who have advised us that some of the boys are being very reckless whilst cycling, causing problems for pedestrians as well as cars. Please speak to your son about his conduct whilst cycling. We reserve the right to withdraw our permission to use a bicycle to and from school if a pupil causes danger to himself or others.

Secondly, it has also come to our attention that a number of boys are cycling to school on what we would deem to be “unsafe” bikes. In some cases these bicycles have no brakes and are therefore dangerous for both the rider and pedestrians. If your son cycles to school we would like you to examine your son’s bicycle before he returns to school in September and make the necessary improvements and upgrades to make it roadworthy. Next term we will be inspecting all bicycles brought into school and any that are found to be dangerous will be withheld from the pupil at the end of the school day and his parent or guardian will be asked to come into school to collect it. I hope you would agree that these are simple guidelines that are in the best interests of your son as well as other road users.

I thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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