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Dear Parent/Carer,

Bike safety

We are pleased that many of our students choose to cycle to school each day, as it is a mode of transport that has multiple benefits to students' health and well-being as well as the environment in general.

If your child cycles to school, or is considering doing so, we would appreciate your support in reinforcing the below points, in order to ensure the safety of your child and others.

Cycling on site- Students should dismount before the pedestrian pathways into school and must push their bike to the bike stands. Similarly, at the end of the day, students should push their bike to the gates and then mount when it is safe to do so. This is especially important between 8:15-8.30 and 2.30 and 2.45, when our pedestrian footfall is at its highest.

Helmets - 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 lock their bikes at school. Helmets can be stored in lockers or left in Reception, if students do not have a locker.

Dangerous behaviour to and from school- If reckless and dangerous cycling behaviour is reported, such as: weaving in and out of traffic, pulling out in front of vehicles, performing 'wheelies' on the road or pavement, then a student may be prevented from using this form of transport in the future.

The safety and well-being of our students both in and out of school is a key priority. Please do not hesitate to contact me on admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk or 01423 548800, should you have any concerns about our students' conduct, as we are keen to ensure that all of our students are positive citizens who conduct themselves well in the community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Clarke
Head of Academy

