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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you about an important policy change regarding the use of bicycles at our school. The use of bicycles is a positive one and something we encourage but it is important this is done safely for the benefit of the young people and other road users.

In recent weeks, we have observed an increase in incidents involving pupils riding their bicycles inappropriately as they leave school. We have observed pupils riding in between traffic and often pupils are without helmets, even though we are clear this is important. We are concerned that this behaviour poses safety risks to both the pupils themselves, pedestrians and motorists. After careful consideration, we have regrettably decided to implement a ban on bicycles/scooters being brought to school, effective as of the 11th of November.

Please note that any bicycles/scooters brought to school will be locked and securely stored. They will then only be returned to parents or guardians. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we prioritise the safety of our pupils.

We intend to revisit this situation with the Local Authority to support the development of better and safer cycling lanes to and from school – something which currently does not exist. If this can be resolved we will of course revisit this situation in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Mr Powell