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Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Be Safe – cycling to and from school

In the past couple of weeks, we have had a report from some of our students and their parents of some unsafe and concerning cycling methods to and from school.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold: firstly, to inform you of actions that we have immediately carried out to ensure that cycling to and from school is being carried out in a safe manner; secondly, to ask for your ongoing support in order to ensure cycle safety of all members of our school community who cycle to school.

As soon as we were made aware of some potentially dangerous and unsafe cycling, particularly along Hawthorn Road, the following steps were carried out:

- Front of gate discussions with students as soon as they arrived on school site, including discussions about the necessity of wearing a cycle helmet;
- A hard-hitting assembly by Mr Evans and myself about the dangers posed to cyclists on roads to and from school, attended by all students who cycle to school;
- I personally carried out an off-site duty halfway down Hawthorn Road to ensure that all students had listened to the assembly message and were heeding our advice and guidance. I am pleased to report that all students were cycling home safely.

All that I ask at this stage is for you as parents/carers to follow up our school actions by re-iterating our stance here on cycling safely.

We are all aware that Hawthorn Road is no longer a through road to the city of Lincoln, but it remains, nonetheless, a road with a 60mph National Speed Limit at certain points.

Finally, with such a large number of students regularly cycling to and from school, we are also looking into the possibility of inviting an outside group in (when safe to do so) to discuss cycle safety further, along with a practical workshop relating to bike maintenance. This is particularly pertinent as we now begin to approach the dark winter months.

I now look forward to a hopefully danger-free year for our students who regularly cycle to and from school.

Kind regards,

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