



Dear Parent/ Carer

Further to increased concerns for the safety of our pupils who cycle to and from school we are writing to ask for your support in instilling safer cycling practices across our school community in several key areas:

### **General behaviour on bicycles:**

- Parents, carers and families will make the decision about whether they feel their child is mature and safe enough to cycle to school
- Students should not be riding cycles on the pavement causing risk and disturbance to pedestrians. Students representing the school in uniform must cycle in a responsible and safe manner. Information about risk-taking and dangerous behaviour have been reported to the school recently.
- Students must not cycle wearing ear buds or headphones.
- Cyclists **MUST** dismount as soon as they approach the school gates and push their cycles to the cycle storage areas

### **Safer cycling guidance:**

- We are very keen to support the national guidance that all students wear an appropriate fitted cycle helmet for the entirety of their journey to and from school. Cycle helmets can save lives. We are happy to provide links to suppliers of British Standard cycle helmets.
- All cycles ridden to school must be in a roadworthy condition with two working brakes, reflectors and tyres/wheels in a good condition.
- As our uniform is dark it is advisable that where possible, students wear high visibility clothing or accessories over their uniform for their journey.
- For the dark winter months, adequate front and rear lighting **MUST** be fitted to cycles

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### **Safety of student bikes on the SMC site:**

- The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any cycle or associated items bought to school.
- Cycles should be locked securely in the cycle storage area using a bike lock. High quality, heavy duty bike locks are available to purchase from the school thanks to a partnership and subsidy from the Police and the Neighbourhood Network at £11.50 each (RRP £25). Please email [admin@smchull.org](mailto:admin@smchull.org) if you would like to order one.
- The Head of School reserves the right to withdraw permission to store cycles at school should the above guidelines not be adhered to.

These guidelines have been adopted by the college to help ensure the safety of all pupils and to promote safe practices when cycling. Thank you for supporting our mission to keep our students safe.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss A Booth*

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Vice Principal/Designated Safeguarding Lead