

Willow Lane CP School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Road and Cycling Safety

Since we came back in September, we have had several local residents contact school worried about children's safety on bikes and scooters near school. While some of the children were in school uniform, we are not sure which children from school were involved. We want to make all parents/carers aware of the concerns and the steps you can take to help keep your child safe on the roads.

These reports include:

- Children riding bikes without helmets.
- Children riding in the middle of the road and turning without signalling.
- Children wearing dark clothing and riding without lights in the evening.

We are keen to support children using bikes and scooters to come to school. It is better for their health and the environment. However, we want all our children to be as safe as possible and are aware that accidents on roads are a leading cause of death and injury for primary school-aged children.

Please take the time to read the guidance in this link: https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families/cycling-with-children

If your child travels to school by bike or scooter, do:

- Make sure your child wears a helmet.
- Make sure their bike is in good working order (particularly tyres and brakes).
- Make sure they have lights and wear bright clothing.
- Teach them about safe road positioning and signalling.
- Choose safe routes to school.
- Make sure children are appropriately supervised.

Kind regards,

Mr Webster







